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'Retirement flats are what this town needs' says developer

A TOTAL of 38 retirement apartments are being planned for land at Westgate, next to Eagle Lane and opposite the NatWest Bank, *writes PHILIP IRWIN*.

The retirement housebuilder, Churchill Retirement Living, is preparing a planning application for the new retirement development – all of which will be privately owned.

The one- and two-bedroom development will replace the light industrial and commercial units and two three-storey apartments which currently occupy the site.

The GEM understands that local businesses who are affected were given notice more than 12 months ago.

A spokesman for Churchill said: "The new development will provide attractive, high quality, secure, self-contained apartments in landscaped grounds.

"As with all Churchill developments, owners will have the benefits of a lodge manager, 24-hour careline, owners' lounge and guest suite."

Andrew Burgess, planning director of Churchill Retirement Living, said: "It is clear that owner occupied retirement accommodation will continue to be in increasing demand in Cowbridge.

"By meeting this demand, we can allow older people to downsize and free up under-occupied houses in the area for families.

"There is a real need for private retirement housing in the Cowbridge area and our proposed development will go some way to increasing access to this type of housing for local residents."

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Crowning glory for Charlie

Staff and children from Pendoylan CIW Primary School recently celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday in style. All regular lessons were put on hold so they could take part in fun party games and races, sing 'Happy Birthday' to the Queen, hold a 'design a crown' competition and enjoy a delicious birthday picnic out on the school field. One of the competition winners, Charlie, said: "Everyone had a super fun day, it was brilliant. I won a packet of sweets so I think the Queen should have even more birthdays!"

Arthur receives birthday gong... for his bell-ringing!

A COWBRIDGE man who has been bell-ringing at Holy Cross Church for almost 60 years received an honour in the Queen's 90th birthday list.

It is unlikely that many in that honours list could claim to be older than the Queen, but Arthur Wybert Thomas can say that – because the new holder of the British Empire Medal is 92!

He told The GEM: "The BEM was for services to bell-ringing and to the local community.

"When I received the letter informing me, I thought it was an elaborate wind-up, but I was delighted when it turned out to be true."

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Reservations over Rhoose election

I am a long-time resident of Rhoose who simply cares about the future of the village, and have no connection to any candidate standing in our local election on June 30.

I've just read in The GEM that an 'independent' candidate has materialised – presumably beamed in from elsewhere – so independent, in fact, that she is a complete mystery to the people of Rhoose.

I'd be genuinely interested to know which of the other candidates have demonstrated an interest in, or taken any action to challenge the cavalier attitude this council continues to show Rhoose residents and their very valid concerns.

With upwards of 7,000 residents already, hundreds more houses now under construction, Rhws Primary school bursting at the seams, and laughable public transport that doesn't do what it says on the tin, we have an infrastructure barely worthy of the name.

This council's commitment to Rhoose, or lack thereof, needs further questioning, and needs it soon.

A Rhoose resident.

Councillors do not vote 'en bloc'

I NEVER cease to be surprised by the idea that members of political parties who are councillors slavishly follow the party line when it comes to voting.

During my time as a councillor I cannot recall a single occasion when I was ' instructed' as to how I should vote on an issue, and indeed I recall occasions when Conservative members voted differently from each other because it was what their conscience told them to do.

I don't know how other parties operate but certainly there are no 'orders' from on high as far as Conservatives are concerned at a local level. Certainly, we usually vote together, but that is because we stand for election on a common set of ideas.

As far as Rhoose library is concerned, I know that its threatened closure was opposed by Conservative members of the council, but the Labour members, with the support of their independent friends, had other ideas.

Gordon Kemp, Llancarfan.

Rose stolen from funeral director

WE read with interest the letter from Simon Baelz (The GEM, Letters, June 16), concerning the theft of plants from planters at Llantwit Major library.

Some weeks ago we had a similar incident with a pot containing a pink standard rose encircled with blue and yellow violas.

This was taken from our premises one night, and if one has 'magically' turned up in someone's garden, perhaps they could let us know, because it is a despicable act to take something from a funeral director's premises.

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A reflective moment in Barry's history

LEFT: The mayor of Barry, Coun Ken Miles (wearing chain) with the mayor and deputy mayor of Rheinfelden and members of the German choir outside the Memorial Hall, in May 1969.

I THOUGHT that readers might be interested in this small slice of Barry's history.

On May 24, 1969, the mayor of the borough of Barry, Coun Ken Miles, was due to greet a party of visitors from Barry's German twinned town, Rheinfelden.

This was one of his earliest engagements as mayor, and Coun Miles was understandably nervous, and keen to make a good impression on the visitors.

When he went to meet them at the Water's Edge Hotel, he was greeted very heartily, but he was slightly taken aback when they insisted on changing some of plans made for that day.

They asked Coun Miles to arrange for a wreath to be bought at short notice and for him to take them to the cenotaph at the Memorial Hall that day, because they wanted to pay their respects to the war dead of Barry in the 25th year after the end of the war.

This is Coun Miles' diary entry recording what happened that day: *"This… was quite unprogrammed and spontaneous. At 11.30am at the Memorial Hall, the two choirs from Barry and Rheinfelden gather in a half circle around the cenotaph… then follows the most moving ceremony I have ever been involved in.*

"The Germans sing a hymn. Representatives of two former warring nations (only 25 years ago) are together, in a friendly spirit of common endeavour. I shake my head to restrain the tears that are beginning to well up. After the ceremony is over, I hastily excuse myself and walk away on my own, I sense understanding among everyone present.

"We return to the Water's Edge, and as we enter, the German deputy mayor seizes my hand, and in the presence of the other Germans he tells me that he understands my feelings, that the is war over, 'thank God'. Everyone suffered, mainly the ordinary people, through no fault of their own."

This occasion had a big impact on Coun Miles, who also said that some of the visitors had obvious injuries sustained during fighting, including one man with facial paralysis caused by a bullet through the jaw.

Coun Miles was a young politician who wanted to make the world a better place. He was my late father, and I feel privileged to have this little piece of history to share.

S K Bowyer, Barry.

Street party thank-you

ALL of us at Hardy Close want to thank the supermarkets who kindly made donations towards our street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Thanks go to Tesco and especially to Morrison's, which were extremely generous. These donations helped us to have a very special day.

Once the clouds cleared, the children were able to enjoy the wonderful buffet and barbecue that was laid on, as well as play on the bouncy castle, have a go at crazy golf and try to 'hook a duck'. The crown-making competition for both adults and children produced a wonderful array of crowns and it was great fun to see such colourful creations paraded in the street

This was our third street party and yet again was a great success.

Community spirit continues to thrive and grow within our Close.

Eileen Gape, Barry.

A downside to garlic…

I WRITE with reference to your 'Health and Fitness' article in praise of garlic.

I agree that, for those who can use it, it contains many good elements.

However, for those many people, like myself, who are allergic to it, or who have an intolerance, it can be potentially extremely dangerous.

The worst thing about it is that many people, including modern young chefs, seem to think it has to go into everything, including traditional meals.

I advise people to check with for the facts, among which are links to botulism.

I, with many others, am now reduced to carefully checking the ingredients of everything, including packets, jars and tins.

Italian restaurants are very aware and go out of their way to help; the Chinese will point out anything that contains garlic so that you can avoid it. Sadly, the British are still denying the existence of the allergy and often treat you as if you're from another planet.

Carole Wills, Barry.

Infrastructure in the Vale is a priority

OUR communities are lacking the infrastructure, amenities and services they need, while developers are winning every battle to build more housing in the Vale.

The Vale lacks a robust transport plan that tackles the problems we experience on Port Road, and at Culverhouse Cross and Barons Court junctions. Proposals to build expensive new roads will only result in us reaching the queues at the bottlenecks a bit sooner.

We need to thoroughly explore all options for better public transport, building on the proposed South Wales Metro. These include tram-trains on the Vale of Glamorgan line, which are cheaper to operate and have better acceleration and deceleration than conventional trains, enabling new stations to be provided perhaps at Rhoose Point, Fontygary and Llandow, as well as destinations in Cardiff. They can also increase service frequencies and improve safety and wait times at crossings.

Services need to be regular throughout the day and evening, and at weekends. Hourly services, such as the bus and rail services currently serving Rhoose, result in unacceptable waiting times. It is also important to ensure that public transport is priced competitively and is affordable for everyone.

The needs of children in our communities are not given enough thought. Our communities need high quality leisure facilities that do not require us to drive to reach them, and open spaces. It seems that developers are very good at minimising the amount of 'open space' contained within their developments.

I have accepted an invitation from Plaid to stand for election in Rhoose. With a seat at the council's table, I would have more influence on the decisions that affect us all. I would also be working for better community participation in council decision-making than the current so-called "consultations" and seeking innovative solutions for problems – including potholes.

Ian Perry, Vale of Glamorgan.

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(UNTIL JUNE 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
23 Thur	09.07	9.3	21.24	9.5
24 Fri	09.46	9.4	22.07	9.4
25 Sat	10.26	9.2	22.51	9.2
26 Sun	11.12	9.0	23.39	8.9
27 Mon	11.58	8.7		
28 Tues	00.34	8.7	13.04	8.5
29 Wed	01.38	8.5	14.14	8.4
30 Thur	02.49	8.5	15.26	8.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Year-4 pupils create maths app

PICTURED AT YSGOL IOLO MORGANWG: Back row (left to right), Tom Roberts, Wendy Farley, Alex Avoth, Dr Glenda Jones and Kevin Moss. Front row: year-4 pupils. See full story below.

Pupils show parents the new app prototype.

YSGOL IOLO'S year-4 pupils and their teacher, Mr Tom Roberts, have been busy creating a child friendly 'app' 'Bydysawd Maths – Maths Universe' to help develop numeracy skills.

The project is part of the school's involvement with the Arts Council's 'Creative School' grant awarded to Ysgol Iolo earlier this year.

The children invited parents to a special launch evening where they showcased the app and the thinking behind the project.

Also at the launch were Arts Council representatives, Dr Glenda Jones and Kevin Moss. Kevin had spent time each week with the children working as part of a company, coming up with design ideas and stories, creating illustrations and finally producing the app prototype.

Mr Moss commented: "It's been a pleasure to work with the children, there were no limits to their creative ideas. They were extremely motivated and very excited about launching the app today. I'm really pleased with the final result; it's all their own hard work and it looks like we have many future app designers!"

Five go boating in Symonds Yat

Crossing the Wye by ferry.

SYMONDS Yat east was the starting point for the June Cowbridge U3A long walk, led by Steve and Valerie, but there was a twist to the usual custom, as coffee was taken before the walk.

Just as the group of five were setting off, one walker's vehicle was found to have a flat tyre, so departure was delayed until the spare had been fitted.

Half an hour later, the party crossed the Wye on the hand-pulled rope ferry, operated by the nearby public house, to Symonds Yat west. The route followed the river downstream, passing the site of the New Weir ironworks, and then climbed gradually through woodland, via an old lime kiln, to reach the Little Doward Iron Age hill fort.

Lunch was taken here in the company of a group of White Park cattle, which were peacefully chewing the cud. The prehistoric King Arthur's cave was visited on the return leg of the walk, before the river was re-crossed using the the Biblins pedestrian suspension bridge. A deer was spotted near here.

The old railway line was then followed back to Symonds Yat east to complete the seven mile circular walk.

As it had been a hot, sultry day, some of the party partook of tea and cake at a local hotel before returning home

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Four seasons of flower arrangements

JUNE was a special occasion for the Llanblethian WI, it was an in-house event.

Two of our members agreed to demonstrate their skills at flower arranging.

Barbara Dumbleton and Ann Alford are two very gifted ladies and arrived with arms full of flowers, taking charge of the evening.

Between them, they arranged four beautiful arrangements; Barbara's first arrangement was a suitable arrangement for Easter, a variety of white flowers and greenery, which was very elegant and peaceful, very beautiful.

Next came Ann with an arrangement suitable for summer; a riot of colour – pinks, mauves and maroons made up of roses, irises, carnations and many more. It really depicted the beauty of our summer gardens it brought joy to us all.

Then it was Barbara's turn; this time she was depicting autumn, with a beautiful arrangement of bronze, gold and maroon chrysanthemums celebrating the full flush of the season – one could almost smell the wood smoke!

Lastly, Ann came forward and did an arrangement suitable for Christmas. It was great – red roses, carnations, holly, candles and glittering pine cones – very festive and very pretty.

The whole evening was very successful we all appreciated the effort our two members had made to make this such a beautiful event. We are very lucky in Llanblethian WI to have a number of very skilled ladies in our group.

If you would like to join us, come along on the second Thursday of the month at the church hall in Llanblethian and you will be most welcome.

VG

Ysgol Llanhari pupil is winner of 'The Chair' in Flintshire

GWYNFOR DAFYDD was announced 'Winner of the Chair' at this year's Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint.

The chair is presented to the winning bard for composing strict metre or free verse poetry of no more than 100 lines.

Gwynfor, who made use of both forms in his collection of poems, is a former pupil of Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail and has been accepted to study at Cambridge University next year on completing his studies at Ysgol Llanhari.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Llangan Primary

ON Tuesday, June 21, children in nursery and reception classes had a school trip to Parc Play in Cardiff, and on Friday, June 24, all the junior pupils were going to spend the day at Oakwood theme park.

On Saturday, July 9, the Llangan School PTA presents a barn dance at the Penllyn Estate Barn, Penllyne. Tickets are available from the school office.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

A SERVICE will take place at Saron on Sunday, June 26 at 3pm, conducted by Rev Philip Denyer. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

Reminder – Llangan Community Council

ON Saturday, June 25 at 10am, free training in the use of defibrillators will be available for the first 30 people.

This will take place in the Treoes Community Hall and at a later date, in the Llangan Community Hall.

Successful concert

THE concert by the Bella Donna Ensemble, which took place at St Canna's, Llangan, on Friday, June 17, was a great success bringing together visitors from further afield to join local Llangan residents.

The twain do meet...

THE speaker for June's meeting of Bont Faen WI was Midori Pritchard, a Japanese lady who has lived in Wales for more than 20 years.

She came dressed beautifully in a traditional summer-weight kimono. Midori told us about life in Japan. It has four seasons, with the special one being spring with cherry blossom in flower.

She showed us pictures of a typical house with a porch for everyone to leave their shoes, to the living rooms which doubled as bedrooms with the futons folded away every morning into cupboards.

Schooling starts at six years old and children are taught independence as they clean their own schools and take it in turns to serve school lunches. Coming-of-age happens at 20.

Midori then dressed Chris, the speaker's organiser, in a beautiful kimono and showed us how to tie a perfect bow with the *obi*. A fascinating speaker.

The business part of the meeting then followed. Members were asked for orders for calendars and diaries and any interest in the autumn walk in Bryngarw Park.

Chequebooks were out for *Allo, Allo* at Sophia Gardens, 'Saturday Morning Kitchen' at Llanerch Vineyard and the mystery trip in August.

This month's social was a treasure hunt in Cowbridge on the 23rd.

Next month's meeting is the summer social at a member's house so we are all hoping for a sunny evening.

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Correspondence from the Queen thrills pupils

STAFF and children at after-school club 'Simply Out Of School' were delighted to receive correspondence from the Queen recently.

The after-school club, based in Y Bont Faen, made and sent birthday cards to the Queen. The children were thrilled to receive a card and a letter from the Queen, thanking them for their wishes in return.

The after-school club at Y Bont Faen with the card and letter from the Queen.

Vale-Texan church partnership and fun day this July

THE third 'Vale churches Texan partnership' will take place this July.

Nine churches in the Vale will be taking part in the event and The GEM will give more details nearer the time.

Rev Ken Iveson explained: "A great programme is in place, including visits to four comprehensive and six primary schools, taste of Texas evenings, feats of strength, Texas two step dancing and a lot more.

"It's great for us as they conclude by helping our ninth Mount Pleasant Baptist Church annual family fun day in Victoria Park which runs from 12 noon to 4pm on July 9.

"Once again it is free for all, sports, games, prizes, and this year, for the first time, we have two donkeys for children's rides."

Cancer Research quiz

THE Barry committee of Cancer Research UK Cymru will hold a fundraising quiz on June 29.

The quiz will take place at the West End Social Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry at 8pm.

Entry £3 per person, payable at the door. All welcome.

Gareth and Hywel on the road again – AND IN THE SEA, AND ON THEIR BIKES!

Hywel and Gareth Petty.

FATHER and son team Gareth and Hywel Petty are taking part in the Cardiff Triathlon this Sunday, June 26 to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Gareth and Hywel were featured in The GEM earlier this year when they took part in the IAAF/Cardiff University World Half Marathon Championships held in Cardiff running for the same cause.

Gareth explained: "Having already completed the World Half Marathon we're now facing a 1,500m swim in Cardiff Bay followed by a 40km bike ride and a 10km run!

"We are doing the challenge to raise money for Velindre and to show our support for friends who've been treated at the centre."

Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by clicking on www.justgiving.com/G-PETTY

Well-known local pub changes hands

THE Cardiff office of specialist property adviser Christie & Co has sold the Fox and Hounds pub in Llancarfan.

The long 925-year leasehold interest in the village pub was brought to the open market and after a short marketing period, a deal was agreed with Coach House Inns Ltd, an expanding coaching inn operator with sites in south Wales and along the Welsh/English border.

The sale was agreed for an undisclosed sum off the guide price of £475,000 with an unusual ground rent forming part of the agreement – a pint of beer to be served free of charge to the chair of the local community council on an annual basis.

The Fox and Hounds offers 80 covers, eight ensuite guest bedrooms, a spacious three-bed owners' cottage and a car park with space for 15 cars.

John Coggins, business agent in Christie & Co's Cardiff office who handled the sale, said: "The outgoing operators, John and Sue Millard, have created a fantastic business in the Fox and Hounds, with an excellent reputation for food and have established the inn as a true village pub at the core of the community.

"I'm delighted that we've been able to achieve a sale to allow them to enjoy a well-deserved retirement and I'm confident that Coach House Inns Ltd will continue to develop the offering and firmly keep the pub at the heart of the village."

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Annual fun run for Lesotho

Some of the participants at the churches charity fun run at Cosmeston Country Park recently.

PENARTH Cytûn (Council, of Churches) held its annual fun run at Cosmeston Country Park on Saturday, June 18, with the proceeds from the sponsored runners going to the local charity Penarth and District Lesotho Trust.

The event was a low key affair, due to the recent operation and indisposition of the organiser Keith Howells, who has been at the helm for the past 15 years.

Those who came were as enthusiastic as ever and enjoyed the delights of the beautiful location with its lovely lakes around which the participants ran.

As with all charity events it is the taking part that counts but it always becomes a race, with Tom Mecrou coming home first with the duo of the very fit and competitive Rev Kevin Davies and teenager Becca Berry from Capel Bethel in second and third places.

A great time was had by all and the immediate total of over £800 was raised, with more to come in later to help the children of Lesotho.

BARRY PUB FILLS SPACE WITH TIM PEAKE STORY

A BARRY pub welcomed home British astronaut Tim Peake with a portrait of the former Army Air Corps officer made entirely from roast dinner ingredients.

The 'gastronaut' portrait made from roast dinner ingredients – Tim Peake's favourite meal.

Four-foot across, the 'gastronaut' design was commissioned by the The Ship on Harbour Road, to celebrate Tim's return to earth on Saturday, June 18, after it was revealed that the traditional British roast dinner was one of the meals he would miss the most during his six-month space mission.

The culinary creation, designed by renowned food artist Prudence Staite, took 20 hours to build and contains 2.5 kg of roast potatoes, 500g carrots, 400g garden peas, 3kg cauliflower, 46 Yorkshire puddings, 2.5kg of meat and 1 litre of gravy.

The finished portrait weighs in at a staggering 12kg and also features the words 'Welcome Home Tim' written in peas, carrots and gravy.

The pub will also be offering Tim and his family free roast dinners for life.

Andrew Jones, general manager at the The Ship, said: "It's been so exciting to follow Tim's journey over the last six months and to see how he has become an inspiration for adults and children of all ages.

"We're big fans of the traditional roast dinner here at the The Ship, so it was great to hear that it was also one of Tim's all-time favourite meals.

"We wanted to commemorate his return to earth with a gastronomical memento to celebrate his achievements."

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SUMMER SUPPER EVENING RAISES FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

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ST Nicholas Church held a summer supper at the St Nicholas home of Richard and Wendy Jones on Friday, June 17.

The event was to raise funds for the church, with villagers enjoying drinks, canapes and a superb supper.

IN BRIEF

Church anniversary

ZOAR Church, Bonvilston (up the hill, almost opposite the Aubrey Arms), celebrates its junior church anniversary on Sunday, June 26 at 11am.

The new minister, Rev Lee Dutfield, will take the service with a 'bring and share' lunch afterwards; hot and cold drinks provided.

All are very welcome to join the church for the event, especially families with children. Further information from Ann on 01446 781309.

Horticultural society

LLANTWIT MAJOR Horticultural Society's June speaker, Mr Ivoe Mace, will give a presentation on 'RHS gardens Wisley and Rosemore' at the Llantonian Hall, 7.30pm on Monday, June 27 with an opportunity for questions afterwards.

For further information, visit www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com.

Big Screen

THE last film for this season is *Dad's Army* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, June 30 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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Developer claims retirement flats are what Cowbridge needs

ABOVE: The entry point to the development will be widened by removing a section of No5 Westgate (on left). RIGHT: The site plan for the completed development.

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Mr Burgess continued: "As well as meeting the need for high-quality retirement apartments, the development will bring benefits to the economy in Cowbridge. Owners will be within walking distance of many amenities such as shops and restaurants."

When completed, access to the development will not be from Eagle Lane. It will be from the main road, and the existing narrow entrance (*above*) between No3 and No5 Westgate, will be widened by removing a portion of No5.

Arthur awarded BEM

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Mr Thomas first got involved in bell ringing in 1957. In those days, a group of people put together a rota for the Sunday, as the bells would be rung at Holy Cross, at Llanblethian, and at St Hilary.

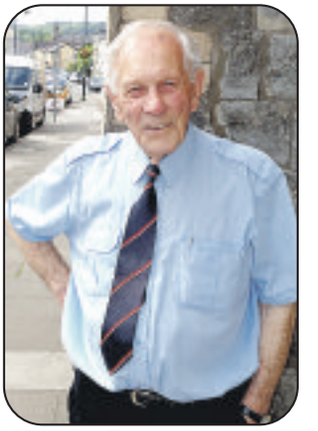
Members would also ring the bells on special occasions and for weddings.

Now, a group of 10 keep the tradition alive at Holy Cross – something Arthur feels is very important.

He said: "The bells were forged in 1722 by Evan Williams Evans of Chepstow. As far as I know, they are the only group of eight still being rung."

Arthur doesn't yet know when he will get his medal, although he does know that it will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant.

A very sprightly 92, he has no plans to stop ringing those bells yet!



Mr Arthur Thomas has received the British Empire Medal.

All in a day's work for Simon

Simon George completed the Dragon Duathlon Challenge.

SIMON GEORGE of Cowbridge recently completed the gruelling 'Dragon Duathalon Challenge,' – cycling from Anglesey to Cardiff and climbing Snowdon, Cader Idris and Pen y Fan – all within 24 hours!

Simon set off from Beaumaris at 5am on Saturday, June 18, and arrived in Cardiff Bay at 2.45am the next day, thus achieving his goal in 22 hours.

Simon, whose mother is Coun Elizabeth George, this year's mayor of Cowbridge, raised a large sum of money for her chosen charity, the Forget-Me-Not Chorus, which supports people with dementia and their carers through song.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Friday, June 24, from 4pm to 5pm at Llantwit Major Heritage Centre, Town Hall CF61 1SD. No appointment is necessary.

Tea Party for Marie Curie

THE Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party takes place on Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25, from 11am to 3pm at Victoria Park, Barry, CF63 2JS.

These are family fun days with activities including competitions, such as 'guess the weight.' Entry is free, but children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Penarth marine is to be honoured in home town

Andrew RT Davies with Sian and Alicia Woodland at the Penarth Cenotaph, earlier in the family's campaign.

ANDREW RT DAVIES AM has welcomed the news that fallen Penarth marine, Paul Woodland, is to be honoured in his hometown with a memorial in the Garden of Remembrance.

The family have been campaigning vigorously for this much-deserved recognition for the past two years and Mr Davies has been calling on the Vale Council to take action.

Mr Davies said there is still work to be done as the bulk of the funding required needs to be raised by the family and the charity founded in his name.

He said: "This news is most welcome and has only been achieved through the tenacity and determination of Paul Woodland's family to ensure he received the recognition he so rightly deserved.

"While this has obviously taken far longer than anyone would have liked or expected, this memorial should provide a fitting tribute to a local hero who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect us and the freedoms we take for granted."

GEM NOTE: See more on this story on page 23.

MP's supporter suspended

ONE of MP Alun Cairns' biggest supporters in the Vale has been suspended.

Ross England, who stood for the party in the Vale in the recent Assembly elections and lost to Labour's Jane Hutt, works in Mr Cairns' constituency office in High Street, Barry.

Mr England backs 'Leave' in the referendum campaign – Mr Cairns, the Secretary of State for Wales, backs 'Remain'.

A copy of The Sun's 'BeLeave' front page was visible in the front window of the constituency office, and Mr England was involved in exchanges on Twitter with a Labour Remain supporter in which he used the 'f' word.

The Conservative Party suspended Mr England who apologised.

A Labour spokesman told The GEM: "Only a few weeks ago, Ross England was putting himself forward as a potential Assembly representative. This episode shows that voters in the Vale of Glamorgan made the right choice."

Mr England hit local headlines earlier this year after he put a 'penalty charge notice' post-it note on a Labour councillor's car as a joke.

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'Jo Cox tragedy highlights the risks that all public servants take'

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

WRITING about the death of a fellow MP is a subject I never thought I would have to put to paper.

But for such a tragedy to happen – as a hard working constituency MP went about their daily business – has left me feeling such sorrow for the family, friends and all those who knew Jo Cox, a hugely popular MP in Yorkshire.

What has struck me most is the thought of two young children and a loving husband being without a devoted mother in such desperate circumstances.

There is no job description as an MP, it really is what any elected representative decides to make of it. That aside, the absolute priority for an MP of any political party is to make themselves available to their constituents – be it through regular surgeries, coffee mornings or indeed any other public arena.

These events are hugely important for a number of reasons – the chance for an MP to support good causes and campaigns, and importantly for constituents who wouldn't choose to attend a formal surgery to raise an issue that their local MP can have a positive impact on.

I held a surgery this week in Highlight Park in Barry, and will continue to do so on a regular basis across the Vale. I also attended the end-of-season event for parents and children at Cowbridge Town Football Club. I believe it to be one of the most important roles of an MP to make themselves available to discuss any issue, large or small.

I pay tribute to Jo Cox – an MP that I was getting to know through the corridors of Westminster. Our paths hadn't crossed many times, but when they did I found her charming but with a real sense of purpose to use her role in Parliament as a force for good.

The loss of Jo Cox also reminds me of the risks taken on a daily basis by many people in a variety of professions – in the role of protecting the public. Nurses, doctors and paramedics can be exposed to significant risk on a daily basis, treating individuals in situations that are often fraught with risk – they deserve our unwavering respect for performing their duties in the name of public service.

The same admiration should be shown to our police and fire crews who bravely perform their duties across the Vale with no fuss or fanfare. They put their own lives at risk in any situation to protect the lives of all of us.

It has been a difficult period for all MPs, making us all step back and think about how best to serve our constituents. Public life involves risk, but I am determined to continue to make myself available to constituents across the Vale.

Social worker struck off for 'significant' data protection breach

A SOCIAL worker who left confidential information about vulnerable children and their families at the home of a service user has been removed from the Register of Social Care Workers.

Malcolm Whittaker, who was employed in the care management team of children and young persons services at the Vale Council at the time of the incident, was found guilty of misconduct during a two-day Care Council for Wales hearing.

Mr Whittaker – who attended the beginning of the hearing in Cardiff only to leave before the council's presenter put forward its case – was accused of leaving behind his bag containing his work diary, other work-related documents and £40 in cash belonging to the local authority during a joint home visit with a health visitor in December 2012.

He was also accused of failing to take any action to retrieve the bag, or inform a manager of a possible data protection breach, once he was made aware of his error.

In his witness statements presented to the Care Council, Mr Whittaker – who was dismissed from his role in May 2013 following an internal investigation – accepted that he had left the bag following the visit, but claimed he was unsure if the diary which contained the sensitive information and money was in it.

He also disputed that he did little to retrieve the bag once made aware of his mistake, insisting that he had made arrangements for the service user to return it to him during a meeting being held two days after the incident.

He further argued that no policy or guidance, expressly setting out the procedures employees should follow in the event of a data protection breach, was made available to him by his employers and that he was therefore unaware that it was his duty to inform a manager.

However, the committee found the facts of both charges proven in their entirety, drawing attention to the fact that Mr Whittaker had admitted on four separate occasions during the local authority's own investigation that the diary – which contained information about 16 separate families – had been in the bag.

The committee also found that, despite his claims, Mr Whittaker would have been made aware of his responsibilities by the job description and data protection guidance provided to him on employment.

The code of practice for social care workers also specifically states that social care workers must respect confidential information.

Having agreed that Mr Whittaker's actions breached several sections of the code, the committee found misconduct proven.

Imposing its sanction, committee chair Islwyn Jones said: "The committee considered the risk posed to individuals who use services due to the failure to keep their confidential information secure was significant.

"Only a removal order will be appropriate because of the registrant's lack of insight, the period of time he has had to reflect on his conduct and his continued failure to accept any responsibility for his actions."

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Fundraising team helps out local good cause

LEFT: Members of 'Elis' Angels' and 'Team Tanya' before the Grantham 'Tough Mudder' event.

LOCAL people who are working together to support two local charities were out again recently, suffering as they tackled a 'tough mudder' in Leicestershire.

'Elis' Angels' and 'Team Tanya' took part in a Tough Mudder Half in Grantham, in memory of Elis Rose Williams and Tanya Floyd.

In this case, the teams were raising money for Y Bont nursery in Bridgend, a charity that cared for Elis during her short 16 month-life and a charity that was close to Tanya's heart.

Family and friends of Tanya, who died suddenly last October, have also been raising money for a running track to be installed at Y Bont Faen Primary School in Cowbridge, the school her three boys attended.

However, the focus in Grantham was on Y Bont nursery, and Elis' mum and dad, Alun and Vikki, along with family and friends of Elis and Tanya, took on the 5.4 mile challenge.

The teams did a great job and completed the gruelling obstacles, coping with vast amounts of mud and water, in a respectable time of 2 hours 13 minutes.

The total amount raised to date is £1,281.29. Their 'just giving' page is still open for those wishing to donate to the cause.

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Thousands descend on Barry for south Wales' largest Festival of Transport

THE Festival of Transport in Barry on June 18 attracted more than 5,000 visitors, according to organisers, the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group (CTPG).

Mike Taylor, chairman of the CTPG, said: "The festival attracted over 5,000 visitors and they saw a really extensive collection of over 420 classic cars, some modified and rally cars, as well as a wide range of visiting buses and coaches."

He added that attendance was boosted by the prospect of an air display by the Red Arrows, but this was put off by low cloud at midday.

Visiting buses came from Taunton, Bristol, Birmingham, Swansea, London and as far afield as New Zealand.

Visitors could also view cars from the 1930s to the latest Fords, Hyundais, Lotus cars or BMWs, including an electric-hybrid gull-wing-door supercar.

CTPG is trying to restore what is becoming a world-class selection of 'heritage' buses in south Wales. At different stages of restoration, there are a 1958 Aberdare Guy Arab single-deck bus, a 1958 Western Welsh AEC Reliance luxury coach that was left in a barn for 38 years, and a classic 1947 Western Welsh Leyland Tiger single-deck bus.

Away from Barry receiving attention is the first little yellow Bustler minibus, a 1986 Ford Transit having mechanical work and the 1951 Bedwas & Machen AEC Regal III, the last bus built in Cardiff, and which spent several years in South Africa, is now having bodywork attention

Mike Taylor continued: "We are just volunteers. We need to raise funds for sheet metal, wood, paint, mechanical parts and electrical units which we can't make ourselves, and all the people who help us are from all over the valleys, hey come in their own time and volunteer a few hours a week.

"We offer space to other people to look after privately owned heritage buses, some from far afield making our collection more interesting."

The preservation group's next bus and classic car event will be in Merthyr Tydfil on Sunday, September 11, but before that there is a classic bus day in Ebbw Vale on July 12.

CTPG is interested to hear from new volunteers to help its restoration teams. Contact Mike Taylor at: info @ctpg.co.uk.

A 1973 Rolls Royce Shadow and a 1946 Morris 10 were also on display at the festival.

A 1935 Bugatti Type 35 at Barry Island.

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BEACH CLEAN

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will hold their monthly beach clean on Sunday, June 26 at Porthkerry Country Park, Barry.

A spokeswoman said: "We shall meet near the Forest Lodge at 3pm and look forward to welcoming volunteers old and new.

"In August, FOBB will go to Aberthaw (Gileston) to clean the beach there. Residents of Gileston and Aberthaw are welcome to join us on Bank Holiday Monday, August 29."

Raising pounds for the hounds

DOGS Trust Bridgend will again welcome furry friends and their owners to another fun-filled summer fete and fun day to be held on Sunday, June 19 at Margam Country Park.

Whether you want to test your dogs agility skills, enter him or her in the fun dog show or bring your kids along to enjoy a day out, there will be something for everyone.

Highlights will include a 'doggy dash', a tombola, fun fair rides, agility tests and more than 40 trade stands.

Dogs Trust Bridgend supporter relations officer Rhiannon Chamberlain said: "The fun day is packed with interesting stalls and fun-filled activities for all the family – four legs and two. All funds raised on the day will go towards the care and upkeep of stray, abandoned and unwanted dogs that regularly come into the rehoming centre."

The event will run from 10.30am to 4pm and access is through the main entrance on the Castle lawns. Car parking is free for those attending the event. Entrance is £3 per person, 50p for under-16s and free for children under five years of age.

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The Flying Start team at the event as part of Child Safety Week.

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The Vale's Flying Start team staged the event to emphasise the need to remain 'tuned-in' to surroundings and not mobile phones, as part of Child Safety Week.

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July 5–7: 'The Studio' photography exhibition.

July 9–30: Visionary Paintings of West Wales by Jean Hicks of Aberaeron.

August 2–4: 'The Studio' photography exhibition.

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Bronze Age 'beaker folk' links near Bridgend...

LOCAL historian Brian Keitch has written about Merthyr Mawr before in The GEM (the mystery of New Inn), and this time he turns his attention to the Bronze Age.

WELL, I wonder if anybody came up with the answer to the mystery of the New Inn – any bones or booty?

Just down the road beyond Merthyr Mawr lie the huge sand dunes that stretch across to Newton Nottage where lie clues to a long-lost civilisation that might have been every bit as macabre as the exploits of Cap Coch.

Over the centuries, artefacts dating back thousands of years keep emerging in the dunes – especially when the coastline is subject to gales, and so disturbing the ancient relics buried therein.

Just as the shifting sands choked the town of Cynffig, so the dunes in between have encased evidence of human occupation back to the Bronze Age and quite likely before that.

While wandering around the dunes it may be a good idea to keep an eye on the sands beneath your feet. Just as burial mounds or cairns lie below the surface so – when the winds permit – ancient artefacts emerge from their secret hiding place where they have lain for thousands of years.

Among the many finds that have emerged over the years are flints for arrowheads and tools, beakers used for burial purposes (hence the 'beaker folk'), polished artefacts, brooches and knives. A square-socketed axe found at a Bronze Age settlement in the dunes suggests that the inhabitants had connections with Brittany, as the items are quite common there.

It goes without saying that any such ancient artefacts found in this district should be brought to the attention of institutions such as the National Museum of Wales (which already has a Merthyr Mawr collection) as each discovery is another clue to the nature of habitation all those millennia ago.

Unfortunately it is known that some gold items found in the 19th century were melted down for their metal value and so lost to future generations forever.

This area is not a prospecting area, but a valuable site – rare in Europe – which holds treasures of the past for future generations to learn from.

Some of the documented finds from the Merthyr Mawr sand dunes include – in 1901 – the mound 'Twmpath Mawr'. This was excavated and found to be an ancient burial place containing six or more skeletons of various ages – including two young children – found in a crouched position.

Three of the adults were buried with decorated beakers together with such possessions as flints and knives. This suggests that these beaker folk lived here from about 2,000 to 1,500 BC.

Of special interest was a brooch of the 'La Tene' type, named after similar finds originating from Switzerland. This artefact suggests the occupation of the site dated from between 400 and 300 BC.

There seems to be a considerable amount of intermixing of remains in the drifting sands. In 1937 two mounds were excavated by Sir Cyril Fox near Coity which revealed burials of the Bronze Age and showed evidence of the use of coal as a fuel.

There are coalfield outcrops in this district so despite the presence of ample timber, the qualities of this fossil fuel go back to time immemorial.

What is of considerable interest is the surprisingly high standard of craftsmanship which the natives brought with them. It is most likely that these nomadic people found their way here from other – warmer – climes in Europe, either by the land bridge which existed before the British Isles became isles, or by sea. One wonders what risk there was in navigating the Atlantic storms in presumably very basic boats to make landfall in south Wales.

The Vale has dozens of cairns across its landscape, many of which have not been excavated. There is, therefore, much more to discover by and for future generations of amateur archaeologists, though hopefully not bedevilled by the curse of metal detectorists, who remove items without any reference to the overall context of the site.

Though not quite as common as in the Vale, there are many similar *tumuli* found on the tops of the hills of the Blaenau.

The one curse, at least for the inhabitants of Merthyr Mawr were the sands themselves. Cynffig was once an important port and borough which Leland, touring through south Wales in 1539, described as a village on the east side of the River Kenfig and a castle, both in ruins and almost "...chocked and devoured with the sands that the Severn Sea casteth up."

There is an excellent website covering in much detail the story of Cynffig by Cymdeithas Cynffig/Kenfig Society. Again, who knows what lies beneath the sands east of Porthcawl.

Excavations have been undertaken on the castle at Cynffig – but trying to keep the site free of sand on a windy day while trying to plot the excavation is a trying task indeed!

Apart from the appearance of relics from thousands of years ago, larger lumps of human existence have been found in the locality including carved stones such as the Conbelanus Stone and the Arthmael Stone (found near Ogmore Castle).

The Conbelanus Stone, like many others found in the area, is not complete, having been broken some time in the past. It has the following inscription: "Conbelanus placed this cross for his (own) soul and that for his brother and for that of his father. It was prepared by me Scitoc."

Another stone, the Dobitaucus Stone reads: "In the name of God the Father, and of his Son, the Holy Spirit, Dobitaucus prepared this cross for his soul and of his father..."

One wonders what indeed still remains beneath our feet. Modern building developments often unearth otherwise unknown treasures such as the lost Roman villa at Llandough, two large polished flint and Pembrokeshire quartz diorite axe heads found during the construction of Ysgol Erw'r Delyn in Penarth, or chance finds like the hoard of coins found by Storrie (of Llantwit Major Roman villa and St Baruch's Chapel, Barry Island fame) on Sully Moors.

Much depends of course on the contractor's ability to recognise such items in the mud. Sensible members of the public who know what to look for can also provide invaluable assistance in securing items from the past, and another piece of an endless jigsaw puzzle.

Next, there is a small matter of invaders – from Rome. We are still trying to establish exactly where Bovium lies.

Tenovus' 'ManVan' a useful tool in fight against male cancers

WALES' first 'ManVan' is celebrating two years of supporting men and their loved ones who have been affected by cancer.

Wales' leading cancer charity, Tenovus Cancer Care, teamed up with Prostate Cancer UK and global men's health charity the Movember Foundation to bring the ManVan to the men of Wales in April 2014.

Since then, the ManVan has had more than 5,100 visitors and helped over 440 men who have had a cancer diagnosis and went on to use the ManVan's support services.

The ManVan visited Cowbridge in June and Andrew RT Davies AM said: "It was great to see the 'ManVan' visit my home town in Cowbridge and to witness first-hand the vast array of vital services it offers local men while touring the country.

"The delivery of mobile cancer care into the heart of communities is a hugely effective tool and the ManVan is an undoubted asset in reaching men who might otherwise often go unsupported."

The ManVan brings much-needed advice and support to men affected by prostate, penile or testicular cancer in areas where such services are currently wanting. It offers support from a specialist nurse, one-to-one counselling, couples' counselling, group support and benefits advice to men all over Wales.

For more information on the ManVan, call the Tenovus Cancer Care free Support Line on 0808 808 1010 or visit tenovuscancercare.org.uk. You can also speak to Prostate Cancer UK's specialist nurses on 0800 074 8383.

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The concert begins at 6.30pm and there is free entry for children and students under 22 with a suggested minimum donation of £2 per adult on the door. All funds raised go to the Holy Cross Church renovation fund.

The concert will feature a competition-winning musical arrangement by Ioan Wardhaugh aged 16 and the premiere of the piece *Water* by young composer Morwenna Brown, aged 14.

What's on and where in your area...

Roald Dahl centenary

A 'Big Family Gathering' is taking place in the Garw Valley on Saturday, June 25 to mark the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth.

A Dahl-themed fancy dress parade will start from the car park next to Pontycymer nursery at 12pm, and families are invited to join in the fun as the parade makes its way to Parc Calon Lan in Blaengarw.

Some of the much-loved author's most famous creations will be on show in the 'Breathing Spaces' community play and games area, including re-makes of the caravan from *Danny the Champion of the World*, Grandpa's bed from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and a great glass elevator, while there will also be live entertainment, stalls and refreshments.

Age Connects free advice

DO you worry about your tax affairs? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free tax advice session at The Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Monday, June 27 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

No appointment is needed, just come along and chat to a retired professional tax advisers. Call 01446 732385 for further information or if you need a home visit.

On June 28 an information session for disabled or elderly home owners or private tenants living in the Vale will be held at the **Senior Health Shop.**

Care and Repair in the Vale help older homeowners tenants to adapt and maintain their homes, can give advice on grants available and on reputable companies to use.

Come along on Tuesday, June 28, from 10am to 12pm, no appointment needed.

VEST for transport at Age Connects

If you are a resident of the Vale and find public transport difficult, Voluntary Emergency Transport Services (VEST) operate a door-to-door transport service to make life easier.

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National Trust talk

THE Vale Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers will hold an event at Dyffryn at 11am on Wednesday, June 29 meeting at the visitor centre.

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McCarthy's Boss needs firing straight away!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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MELISSA MCCARTHY, since breaking through in 2011's *Bridesmaids*, has developed a niche for playing brash and loud characters in the likes of *Identity Thief, The Heat* and *Tammy*, her less abrasive work in the likes of *St Vincent* given short shrift next to her grandstanding turns.

She has another one of these cocksure roles in *The Boss*, McCarthy playing the role of Michelle, a woman who has made herself a captain of industry, but whose world comes falling down after she is jailed for insider trading. When she is released, she finds herself lacking in friends, and falls back on her former PA Claire (Kristen Bell) for help, who doesn't realise quite the whirlwind Michelle will bring to her door...

If you have seen any of the aforementioned Melissa McCarthy films (and enjoyed them) then you'll have a whale of a time with *The Boss*. If you haven't, or have and been distinctly unimpressed with her schtick, then you'll find more pleasure taking a Marseille mini-break with English football fans than watching this film, an effort (and that is most certainly what it is) that falls flat with precision, and feels tired, lazy and lame.

McCarthy is capable of doing more than this, but seems drawn to life's loudmouths and cantankerous characters and her mugging and reliance on poorly-aimed jokes feels worn out here. McCarthy wrote this with her husband Ben Falcone (who also directs). He also directed her in 2014's *Tammy*, another drastically unfunny 'comedy' that saw the actress bring to life another character with almost no amount of empathy or facets that would make her likeable, or even tolerable, to the audience.

It seems the pair enjoy mining this particular type of character, but it makes for a less-than-enjoyable viewing experience, the 94-minute running time feeling almost three times that, as the loosely-plotted story unfurls itself.

It is a shame as there is a strong comedic cast working underneath McCarthy who are all capable of better things, whether it is Bell's put-upon PA, Tyler Labine as Claire's love interest, right down to Peter Dinklage's chastened Renault (easily the best thing here) and Timothy Simons' assistant. A quality cast for a comedy, but one that is wasted by overly lowbrow and lackadaisical humour.

There is a semblance of plot in how Michelle deals with life on the outside once she has been released, and how her relationship with Claire both makes her realise what's important and equally strengthens Claire's belief in her own abilities within the business world, but there is scant regard for allowing to it play it with any semblance of surprise or freshness.

It is as if McCarthy and Falcone are just moving the character around to suit the story and leaving as much space as possible for McCarthy to fit in her comedy stylings. Whether it is an incident with a particularly rare breed of fish, an overly-bouncy sofa bed or just in her interactions with the other characters, Michelle is a grotesque creation, the humour around her all too familiar and telegraphed from a mile away.

She is also hugely unlikeable as a character; even the most awful characters, when played for laughs, need some chink of light, something for the audience to engage with. Here, Michelle is written, and portrayed, with no regard for that, instead hoping that the fact she makes us laugh is a redeeming quality enough – her failure to do makes her infuriating rather than intriguing.

You can imagine that this is the sort of film that, were the genders reversed, Kevin James would make – it has all the hallmarks of one of his unamusing, painful films right down to the shoddy computer effects, dislikeable characters and inability to raise even a titter. There is little hope for James, he found his groove a long time ago and is more than happy to be churning out rubbish that (sadly) audiences seem more than willing to gobble up.

Melissa McCarthy always seemed that she had more to her than just echoing the footsteps of James – with *The Boss*, it seems like it may be too late to rescue her from the same fate.

VERDICT: An awful film led by a unlikeable character and featuring some truly mediocre attempts at humour, there is nothing to recommend about *The Boss* at all. If you like Melissa McCarthy's cast of grotesques then you'll probably enjoy this film – if you have any film taste whatsoever, you'll dismiss it as the rubbish it is. *Avoid at all costs*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Tammy* (2014), *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* (2009).

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ON Monday, June 13 a barbecue was held at the home of Catherine Thomas, one of our members.

Many thanks to Catherine and her husband Robbie for their warm welcome and the preparation and clearing up involved!

It was good to see so many of our members at the last evening of the 2015/16 programme. Each one brought a plate of savoury or sweet food and the feast was enjoyed by all. It was pleasant to relax and discuss the year's events.

A number of members offered to support the Merched y Wawr presentation to be held at the National Eisteddfod in Abergavenny, particularly as the script has been written by Catherine. The new programme will start on Monday, September 12 in the Lesser Hall Cowbridge at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

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The highlight this year is the amazing Gerard Naprous and his Cossack display team in the main arena. Gerard is known across Europe for his breathtaking horse displays, and you've probably seen him or his horses in TV series and films such as *Les Miserables*, HBO's *Game of Thrones* and even *Doctor Who*.

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Due to a larger arena size being required and for health and safety reasons, the available space for public parking will be reduced this year, so patrons should walk or use public transport wherever possible.

Entry to the fête is by a programme costing £2, which includes a free lucky prize draw to win £250.

The fête is supported and organised by volunteers of Scouts and Guides in Barry with all proceeds of the fête going to support the two movements deliver fun-filled activities for thousands of boys and girls within Barry.

If you would like your child to join a Guide or Scout group in Barry, then come along to the fête and speak to any one of the adult volunteers for more information; likewise, if you wish to join the fun as an adult volunteer!

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'Rhoose Summer Music 2016' takes place on Saturday, July 9 at Rhoose Social Club.

Organiser James Bagnall told The GEM: "Rhoose Summer Music is a packed event featuring music from the 1950s to the present day and it takes place in the Rhoose Social grounds.

"Among the bands performing will be The Don, The Butes, The Flares, Too Toned and Scott Howel. It will run from 2pm to 11pm.

"People can pick up tickets – over 18s only – from the social club, Spar or through Facebook at *www.facebook.com/rhoosesummermusic*."

People from south Wales are drawn to Rhoose at this time of year because of its leisure park, outstanding dining experiences in traditional village or country pubs, and because it is situated on the Wales Coastal Path.

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"People love the spectacular coastal views.

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"The pool in the leisure complex is very popular.

"We also have access to the beach which is lifeguarded. Children enjoy exploring the rockpools.

"There are lovely walks all the way from the park to Rhoose Point and in the other direction, too.

"The leisure and fitness facilities at the park include a cardiovascular room complete with rowers, bikes and cross trainers, a weights room, a jacuzzi and a sauna. The pool is open seven days a week and has fun equipment like slides for the children."

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COUNCILLOR JEFF JAMES – HIGHLIGHTS WHAT MAKES THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREA EXTRA SPECIAL

DESPITE the vagaries of this week's weather, sunshine is on its way and our thoughts turn to outdoor events and all the wonderful things we have to offer.

The village has natural assets like coastal walks, Rhoose beach and Fontygary beach and cycle routes right through Porthkerry Park.

There are excellent pub-restaurants in the village and out in the nearby countryside where you can dine inside, or outside if the weather is kind.

If sport takes your fancy, there's football and cricket at Ceri Road recreation area, bowls at Rhoose Bowls Club. Tennis is available adjacent to the Celtic Community Centre.

The butcher can supply your barbecue needs and there are several food shops that supply everything you need for al fresco dining.

There are many rights of way in the Rhoose area where people can enjoy walks – and a walk along the coast can be unforgettable.

Local businesses provide high quality, professional services with a personal touch.

Why not come and see what coast and country living offers at Rhoose? You can be sure of a warm welcome!

THE HIGHWAYMAN WELCOMES BRAND NEW ERA IN DINING

THE Highwayman at Nurston, Rhoose has had a total refurbishment inside and out.

Run by Derek Gaynor and Wayne Morgan the pub-restaurant has always prided itself on freshly cooked food and home-made dishes.

At The Highwayman, Derek and Wayne replicate the success of their restaurant the Caeffatri Bar and Grill based in Bridgend.

On the day The GEM visited it was a busy Friday lunchtime.

Derek said: "We can be a lot busier than this! We recommend people book, either for a lunchtime or in the evening. We're a 'destination pub' so we don't want people to arrive and be disappointed."

Wayne, the chef, is an expert at devising top quality menus. The latest includes chicken dishes, a pasta and salad section, kebabs, fish dishes, 'the grill', pub classics, burgers and an over 60s lunch menu.

Derek explained: "It ticks all ages, profiles and dietary needs. What Wayne does is amazing. On Sundays there's a full meat choice."

Meals at The Highwayman are served until 9.30 in the evening.

The refurbishment took place in February and the pub has been beating all its previous records.

Derek emphasised: "It's all about fresh food. Everything is made on the premises. Our fish is from Pembroke, we use the butcher in Rhoose and source the very best.

"Everything is delivered fresh every day. It has to be – because we run out otherwise."

Drinks are supplied by a Welsh brewery Tomos Watkin.

The recent refurbishment has been so impressive people have said the toilets are the best ones they've ever seen!

The Highwayman on the outskirts of Rhoose has had a complete refurbishment.

Posh Pawz Salon & Spa celebrates its fourth anniversary!

Jo and Kath at Posh Pawz are celebrating the fourth anniversary of their successful dog grooming business.

In June 2012, the owners of Posh Pawz, Kath and Jo, invited Wales' football international Craig Bellamy to open their new business venture 'Posh Pawz' set in the heart of Rhoose.

Since then, the salon and spa has gone from strength to strength and is now celebrating its fourth anniversary.

Professional K9 beauticians Jo and Kath, provide a real one-to-one service. They have created a safe, clean, fully air-conditioned environment in which your best friend receives the very best of care.

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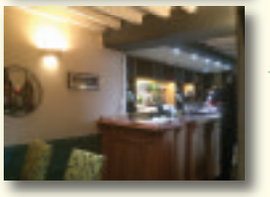

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Kerry and Kevin in 10th year at Fontygary Inn...

The Fontygary Inn is great for families in the summer with a beer garden, and play facilities for the children.

Kerry and Kevin Eade are celebrating 10 years of running the Fontygary Inn, a friendly, family run pub-restaurant offering great food and entertainment.

Kerry said: "Now in our 10th year, we're getting busier and busier, and cook four times the amount of food as when we started.

"We serve meals at lunchtime and in the evenings. On Sundays we serve the traditional roast, but advise people to book (tel 01446 711221) to avoid disappointment."

People like a relaxing day on Sundays so lunch is served from 12 noon up until 5pm.

Kerry added: "Our meat is sourced in Rhoose and vegetables in Cowbridge. We have special offers on every day.

"On Wednesday evening at 8pm we host our smartphone quiz – the first of its kind in south Wales. On Thursday we host a curry night."

The children's area and beer garden are particularly popular at this time of the year.

Sublime Hair says: 'Book for your hair or beauty treatment now'

SUBLIME HAIR, at 4 Stewart Road, Rhoose, is a classic independent business – local staff providing a friendly, professional service to local people with clients coming from the village and surrounding area.

The salon is ultra-modern, light and spacious, offering stylish haircuts, colourings and beauty treatments.

Sublime Hair also has its own beauty therapist carrying out treatments for nails, lashes, waxing and even mini-facials.

The opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am to 5pm; Friday, 9am to 7pm; and Saturday, 8.30am to 3pm.

The salon also uses top brands such as Kitoko, Affinage and Olaplex.

To book a hair or beauty treatment, call 01446 711799.

First class fruit and veg in Rhoose!

ABOVE: Fresh fruit and veg is coming to Rhoose Post Office. The owner, Peter Stewart, told The GEM: "We're introducing fresh fruit and veg, and old fashioned sweets that the major supermarkets don't do.
"We'll soon have new canopies fitted and an official opening will take place on Monday, July 11."

Chickens come home to roost at Six Bells... AND IT'S GOOD NEWS

LEFT: The Six Bells in Penmark is noted for a great dining experience with locally produced food, including its specially sourced beef.

The Six Bells in Penmark is noted for a great dining experience – and is even selling its own free range eggs.

Co-owner James Barnsley explained: "We've got 11 chickens now and it means we can use the eggs in producing our dishes, and sell what we have over."

Sunday lunch is the busiest day at The Six Bells.

James said: "On Father's Day we served 147 Sunday lunches.

"Our dishes are home cooked and we use Farmers Pantry, local Llantwit butchers. We source everything – farm to fork – in the Vale of Glamorgan."

The Six Bells is particularly busy on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and at Sunday lunchtimes, so James advises booking in advance: tel 01446 710229.

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Open night at Masonic Hall

AN open evening, hosted by Loyal Sportsman Lodge is being held at the Barry Masonic Hall, Broad Street, on Friday, June 24 at 7pm.

Following a short informal talk on freemasonry, famous sporting masons and the Loyal Sportsman Lodge, there will be a tour of the building, light refreshments afterwards and an opportunity to ask questions.

This is the first of many opportunities to visit Barry Masonic Hall and the other 21 halls throughout south Wales over the next 18 months. The buildings, which are part of the rich heritage and history of their communities, host over 160 lodges, with 10 lodges based in Barry.

Freemasonry is about to celebrate 300 years since the formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1717. As part of its tercentenary, the South Wales Province will be inviting the public to heritage open days, and has a variety of events to showcase the charitable achievements.

To find out more, contact Gary on 07916 266772 or Gwyn on 07818 701701 or visit website http://loyalsportsman.org/.

Ysgol Bro consultation has started

A PUBLIC consultation on the proposal to expand Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg on its current site has begun.

The proposal recommends that the school's current secondary capacity of 1,151 places, is increased by 299 places to meet increased demand by September 2020.

Also included in the expansion proposals, are a new 3G pitch for the school and improvements to the reception, parking area and external spaces.

Pupils, parents, teachers and governors will all be given the chance to have their say on the proposal during the consultation period which will run until August 1.

A proposal to transform the two single sex secondary schools in Barry will be considered by the council's cabinet in July and, if approved, will be consulted on in September 2016.

Coun Lis Burnett, Deputy Leader for the Vale said: "We look forward to hearing from everyone interested in the future of Welsh-medium education in the Vale. These exciting proposals offer a bright future for this popular and successful school'.

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LIFE OF A BARRY GP WHO BROUGHT THE TOWN INTO THE 20th CENTURY

IN last week's GEM, Laurie Owen told the story of Dr Neale, Barry's first GP, who had the task of improving health at the turn of the century – a time when Barry was expending very rapidly.
This week, he talks about the other GP who was instrumental in Barry's growth....

by LAURIE OWEN

PERCY WHEELER KENT (1870-1953), was born in St Albans, Herts, and by the time he was 10, his parents Thomas and Emily had six sons and a daughter.

His father was a brewer/maltster and a churchwarden and he must have been successful, because they had two servants caring for them. By 1891, and with two more brothers, Percy was recorded as a medical student, but still living at home. He then qualified MRCS (Eng), LRCP (London) in 1895 and took his DPH (Cambridge) seven years later.

In 1899, he married Martha Cook and was already working with Dr Edward Treharne; then in the census just two years later, Dr Kent was living at his surgery at 159 Holton Road in partnership with Dr Treharne, who was living at Cadoxton House.

Records show that the four houses numbered 157, 159, 161 and 163 Holton Road were earlier known as Glebe Terrace, with 159 named 'Arno House' after the first steam ship to enter the Docks. Number 161 was named 'Rathordan' and 163 with its distinct architecture was 'The Towers'.

As a matter of interest, this 1901 census recorded that next door to Dr Kent at No.161 was the 'Voluntary Hospital', with Amy Evans as its secretary and superintendent, caring for 12 patients with two nurses and two servants.

Longstanding Barry residents may think that the Amy Evans Hospital had always been on the opposite side of Holton Road, but in fact it did begin its life at 161 in 1895.

In 1903, Miss Amy Evans secured the larger property opposite the police station and was seeking help from the public to raise funds.

Indeed, Dr Kent said in the local paper that £1,300 was needed, so he sent little notes to every house, asking for donations and many sent what they could afford, some with 3d, some sixpence and even shillings.

In 1899, Barry Nursing Association built a 'Nurses Home' in Woodlands Road at a cost of £1,750, naming it the 'Victoria Jubilee Nurses Home' to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It would be another 20 years before a 'Maternity and Child Welfare Hospital' would be built.

After the death of Dr Treharne in 1905, Dr Kent was in a partnership known as 'Powell and Kent' with its surgery and his home named 'Springbank' at 13 Porthkerry Road.

The local press in 1901 had reported that Dr Kent was to leave Dr Treharne to take on a practice in London, but within two years he was back, assuming that he did in fact leave.

As schools medical officer, he was very concerned at the level of decay in children's teeth and fully intended to carry on the work that Dr Neale had begun in 1888.

Following the resignation of Dr George Neale in 1914, Dr Kent assumed the role of Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and was also in charge of the Accident Hospital and the 'school clinic' adjacent to it. A year later he would become the superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital on Colcot Road and the Port Authority MOH at a total salary of £600 pa.

Medical records show that in 1914, the population had grown to 34,726, with 895 births and 175 deaths of children under 15, including 89 under 12 months.

In December 1915, Dr Kent was leaving for 'active service' and surprisingly, after much discussion, it was agreed that he would be paid his full salary while away.

Very little is known about his active service, but the London Gazette of 1912/13, reported that he was a lieutenant in the 2nd Welsh Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps, which was likely to have been the Territorial Army.

On his return, the year 1919 seems to have been concerned with finally securing a home for the Barry Maternity and Child Welfare Hospital, after a long campaign. In June, the council were offered the old Woodland Hotel for £1,500 and £55 pa ground rent, but this was initially deemed excessive, yet by November they had agreed to proceed.

Dr Kent and his wife Martha were a social couple and records show that in 1896, he played pianoforte at a concert and dance in the Wenvoe schoolroom in aid of funds for Reading Rooms in the village.

Again in 1903, he was the pianist at the Theatre Royal, Cadoxton in aid of St Cadoc's Parish Church and both he and his wife attended the Barry Rifle Club dance at Culley's Hotel on Dock View Road.

Mrs Kent featured in amateur theatricals and was on the committee when arranging Barry Hockey Club dances.

Dr Kent took on secretarial duties for the Barry Rowing Club and he was also a keen cricketer for many years at Barry Island CC, acting as vice president for a while.

An interesting tale in the records of Dr J H Williams described the system existing in the early days when patients called out the GP at night.

In the door frame of his home was a mouthpiece which the patient would blow into, causing a whistle to travel down the flexible tubes to the bedside of the sleeping doctor.

Known as 'sleeping tubes', the dazed doctor would then speak down the tube to the waiting patient at the front door.

This would initially save him stumbling along corridors in the dark, as they only had gas lamps at the time. Sometimes, the caller would find the whole episode so spooky that they departed the scene with some haste.

An entry in Kelly's Directory of 1923 showed that Dr Kent was living at St Helier, Romilly Road, and was still the MOH of Barry and the Port Authority, superintendent of the hospitals and the schools' medical officer.

After a long and fulfilling career, Dr Kent retired in 1935, and at some point he and his wife moved to 10 Park Road, where he died in 1953.

One consolation which his late colleague Dr George Neale did not have, was that he was still alive when the Glamorgan County Council honoured them both by naming the Hospital on Colcot Road the "Neale and Kent".

WORK CONTINUES ON PENARTH MEMORIAL FOR ROYAL MARINE

THE Vale Council and the family of Royal Marine, Paul Woodland, who was tragically killed while on a training exercise with the Special Boat Service in October 2012, are close to agreeing a permanent memorial to Mr Woodland to be located in Penarth.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council stated: "The council is justifiably proud of its armed forces personnel and since receiving the request from Mr Woodland's family to have his name included on the local cenotaph, we have been working hard to secure an alternative and suitable permanent memorial in Penarth, recognising Mr Woodland and other armed forces personnel who lose their lives whilse serving with Her Majesty's armed forces.

"I am extremely pleased for Mr Woodland's family that we are now close to realising this aim."

Sian Woodland, Paul's fiancé said: "Firstly, I would like to thank all people and parties for the support they have given our family with attempting to get Paul recognised within his community. With various attempts at getting his name recognised on the local cenotaph, we have now come to understand that this wasn't the right approach to take and we realise that the war memorial is there to honour the local fallen who were killed in conflicts like the First and Second World Wars.

"Secondly, I would like to thank the Leader of the Council, and Coun Gwyn John, who answered my heartfelt letter and last plea in attempting to get Paul remembered within Penarth. We decided as a family, a local tribute to all fallen soldiers of Penarth and Vale would be fantastic.

"Coun John graciously replied with excitement and positivity to help us erect a memorial, in the near future. We are so thankful to the Vale Council and to all involved. The project is in very early stages but we are looking forward to the end result."

Paul's mother added: "This memorial will mean the world to me as Paul's mother and not only recognising Paul and the dedication he had to his country, but to be able to honour all local fallen heroes of Penarth and the Vale and the dedication they gave."

Petanque play-off at Llancarfan on Sunday

OVER a quarter of a century of the popular petanque competition will be recognised this Sunday, June 26, at the Llancarfan piste (adjacent to the tennis club).

This is an occasion where residents, former residents and guests gather for a social event and friendly competition (1.30pm for a 2pm start) for the Ruth Watts Shield.

The shield was introduced in 1998 when a team comprising Phil Watts, Phil Gammon and Gwynne Liscombe were first to raise the trophy and the competition's popularity spread and 2009 saw a Cowbridge team raise the silverware.

The current holders are Cowbridge residents Russ Watts and Sue Watts plus local lad Jim Barrett.

Further information is available at russ.watts@btopenworld.com or call Russ on 07779 157407.

Memories of the *PS Barry*

BARRY at War history group will host an introduction to the tribute and remembrance for the *PS Barry* on Sunday, June 26 at the Barry Island Railway Station museum from 1pm – 3pm.

All are welcome to attend.

The central library, Kings Square will feature a static display from Monday, June 27 for two weeks and although this will be largely unmanned, a guest book will be on site.

A paddle steamer built for pleasure and tripping along and crossing the Bristol Channel, she sailed and served during World War One as far as Gallipoli and is noted as one of the last vessels to leave Sulva Bay.

She entered the Great War under her own name of *Barry* and ended as *Barryfield,* one of her many name changes. This time it was to avoid confusion with the then battle ship USS Barry that had joined in.

She returned to pleasure steaming trips as a civilian and was called to arms again for her country in World War Two. She survived Dunkirk but was lost on July 5, 1941. The paddler was on mine-sweeping duties in the North Sea and was lost to an enemy air attack, and is now a war grave.

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(LLWYBRAU CYHOEDDUS 4 A 7 SILI) (CAU DROS DRO) 2016

Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn bwriadu, mewn dim llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATOLDEN 1

1.Ni fydd unrhyw un yn cerdded ar y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad 1	Y llwybr troed (Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus) a elwir yn Rhif 4 Sili wedi'i gau yn y gyffordd â llwybr troed a elwir yn Rhif 7 Sili, ac am 10m i'r gogledd-orllewin a'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd hon (mae'r llwybr troed hwn yn ffurfio rhan o Lwybr Arfordir Cymru Gyfan).
Llwybr Amgen	Tra bydd y llwybr wedi cau bydd dargyfeiriad drwy Lwybr Troed Rhif 8 Sili Smithies Avenue, Burnham Avenue, a llwybr troed Rhif 6 Sili.
Lleoliad 2	Y llwybr troed (Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus) a elwir yn Rhif 7Sili wedi'i gau'n gyfan gwbl
Llwybr Amgen	Bydd dargyfeiriadau lleol drwy Smithies Avenue, Clevedon Avenue, Burnham Avenue, a llwybrau troed rhif 8 a 4 Sili.
Rheswm	Atal perygl i gerddwyr wrth i waith gwella draeniau fynd rhagddo.
Hyd	O 8.00am ar ddydd Llun 4 Gorffennaf 2016 am hyd at chwe mis.

Dyddiedig 23 Mehefin 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(SULLY PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos 4 AND 7) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Sully Number 4 closed at its junction with footpath known as Sully number 7, and for a distance of 10m both northwest and southeast of this junction (this footpath forms part of the All Wales Coastal Path).
Alt. Route	During this closure a temporary diversion via Footpath Sully number 8 Smithies Avenue, Burnham Avenue, and footpath Sully number 6 shall be available.
Location 2	Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Sully number 7 closed throughout its length
Alt. Route	Local diversions via Smithies Avenue, Clevedon Avenue Burnham Avenue, and footpaths Sully numbers 8 and 4 will be available.
Reason	To prevent danger to pedestrians while drainage improvement works are undertaken.
Duration	From 8.00am on Monday 4th July 2016 for a maximum period of six months.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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Barrivale Bridge Club results

The results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 14 are as follows:

First, Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick, 61.25 per cent; joint second Tim Barsby and Mia Deschepper, and Mike Best and Mark Roderick (55 per cent).

Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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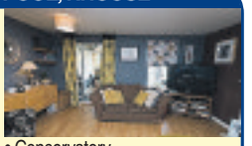

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ALSOP
Jack

Peacefully, at home, on Wednesday, June 15, Jack, of Seyes Close, Cowbridge. Beloved husband of Glynis, loving father of Lesley and Susie and a much loved grandfather of Robert.

Funeral Tuesday, June 28. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am, where friends please meet. Family flowers only, by request, donations in lieu if desired to Dementia UK c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Tel 01656 650831.

McMAHON
Linda

Peacefully on June 15 at Llandough Hospital, Linda, beloved wife to the late Ken. An outstanding and adored mum of Emma, respected mother-in-law to Lee and loving sister of Gill, Stuart, Pete, Laurence and Michael. Special and devoted friend to Mena and Carole.

Linda will be so dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Service until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, June 27 at 3pm.

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All donations to support Marie Curie.

Emma and Lee wish to thank all staff of Ward West 6 at Llandough Hospital for their outstanding care and compassion shown to mum during her time there.

The family welcome all to celebrate Linda's life. Colourful clothing optional.

McMAHON
Linda

Mum, on Wednesday, June 15, it was time for you to go away. Never will I hear your voice or feel your hug, always though I will carry your love with me in my heart. *"I love you very much"*.

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Patricia Amy

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Peacefully on June 18 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth after a long illness and surrounded by her loving family - Pam, devoted wife to Mike, much loved mum of Ian, Alison and Laura, a very much respected mother-in-law of Craig and Lee. Cherished nana to all her grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pam is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until a celebration of her life at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Friday, July 1 at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be made at the service or via Pam's online tribute page, at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk, where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff.

Birthday In Memory

WILLIAMS
Karl

28 June 1974 - 19 July 2000

Not a day goes by when we don't wish you were here with us, Happy Birthday Karl.

We love and miss you so much.

Lots of love

Mam, Dad, Kris, Gemma, Curtis, Lacey.

Also, Happy Birthday to Leighton Batt on 3rd July.

Acknowledgements

DELL GURNEY

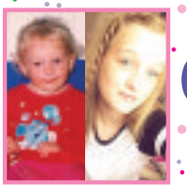
Along with Wendy, Sue, Neil and Andrew, and all our family members, I wish to thank our many friends for their cards, letters and expressions of sympathy, in memory of my lovely wife.

Dell and I have experienced such kindness and help over a long time from people in Cowbridge, both known and unknown to us, and Dell would often mention this.

I wish to say how much this has meant to us - thank you everyone. It is what has made Cowbridge and Llanblethian such a lovely place in which to live for the last 33 years.

Des.

Birthdays



Happy 16th Birthday to our beautiful **Georgia**

lots of love Mum, Dad, Ashley & Miley xxx

Georgia Farr

From the moment that you were born you have filled our hearts with lots of love, laughter & happiness. We hope your day is as special to you as you are to us.

We love you lots & lots
Nanny & Grandad xxx

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday to our granddaughter

Sweet 16!

Happy 16th birthday to our 1st born niece ***GEORGIA FARR*** *on 29 June.*

You are turning into a beautiful young lady and make us super proud.

Lots of love Aunty Hayley, Aunty Catherine & Aunty Becky xxx

Georgia Farr

Happy 16th Birthday to our big cousin

29 June

Lots of love, hugs & dribble Bradley, Jake & Bobby xxx

Nicole Deol

Happy 18th Birthday!

on 20th June

to our beautiful granddaughter, love you to the moon and back, Nannie and Bampy. xxx

Birthdays

40!

Happy 40th Birthday

Emma Griffiths

on 29th June.

Have a great day, love you lots - Gareth, Lewis, Jack, Tom, Kieghta and Caitlin xxx

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LOOK WHO'S 40!

Emma Griffiths

Happy Birthday

on 29th June.

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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION.

Proposed development at:

2 CWRT AETHEN, BARRY, CF63 1HE

Take Notice that application is being made by Mr. & Mrs. Ross Williams, for Planning Permission to:

The proposals comprise the conversion of existing Double Garage to Self- contained Living Unit.

Application submitted to Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the Council within 21 days of this notice.

Signatory: Mr. & Mrs. Ross Williams

Date 16.06.16

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure. 'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years. 'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003

Section 17 (5)

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE.**

To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of : Monday to Thursday 08.30 to 17.00 hours and Friday 08.30 to 16.30 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:-

Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

NAME OF APPLICANT:

NAGARAJAH NAGENDIRARAJAH of: **PISGAH CONVENIENCE STORE, 74 PISAGAH STREET, KENFIG HILL BRIDGEND, CF33 6BU**

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Good Friday - 06.00 to 22.00 hours

DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely June 22nd 2016, for 28 consecutive days.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern:

I, **Robert Bryan Beattie,** do hereby give notice of an application to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Licensing Authority for the grant of a new premises licence at the address: **Beagles Kitchen, 30 High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7AG.**

This to include: The retail sale of alcohol Monday - Sunday 08.00 - 23.00.

Opening hours Monday - Sunday 08.00 - 23.00.

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to Vale of Glamorgan Council Licensing Department, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice (as below).

Representations received after this date will not be considered. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statements in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Signed: Dr R.B. Beattie

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2016/00631/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Conversion of existing garage and external alterations together with a replacement greenhouse.
Location:/Lleoliad:	Great House, Bridge Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Llanblethian

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2016/00304/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Investigatory works
Location:/Lleoliad:	United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2016/00619/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Proposed alternative access to serve the proposed development of land at St Nicholas (ref:2015/00249), including demolition of Emmaville bungalow
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land at Emmaville, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2016/00454/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Outline permission for 2 detached dwellings in front garden of Wenvoe Manor
Location:/Lleoliad:	Wenvoe Manor, Port Road East, Wenvoe

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Land at Sycamore Cross, Pendoylan Lane and North of A48, Bonvilston.

I give notice that Bonvilston Vale Limited & Village Homes LLP is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Development of 120 homes including affordable homes, new vehicle, pedestrian and cycle access, improvement works to Pendoylan Lane, regrading of site, drainage, landscape works, provision of public open space, demolition of existing modern timber stables and all associated works.

The proposal has been submitted with an AMENDED environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the AMENDED environmental statement at a charge of £250.00, via a cheque made payable to Barton Willmore LLP from Barton Willmore LLP, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff. CF10 3AL so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 14 July, 2016. Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 14 July 2016 quoting reference 2015/00960/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at Sycamore Cross, Pendoylan Lane and North of A48, Bonvilston

Hysbysir trwy hyn Bonvilston Vale Limited & Village Homes LLP n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Development of 120 homes including affordable homes, new vehicle, pedestrian and cycle access, improvement works to Pendoylan Lane, regrading of site, drainage, landscape works, provision of public open space, demolition of existing modern timber stables and all associated works.

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol DIWYGIEDIG sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Gall aelodau o'r cyhoedd gael copïau o'r datganiad amgylcheddol DIWYGIEDIG am dâl o £ 250.00, drwy siec yn daladwy i Barton Willmore LLP o Barton Willmore LLP, Heol y Brodyr Llwydion, Caerdydd. CF10 3AL cyhyd ag y stociau yn para..

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Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 14 July 2016 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2015/00960/FUL.

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 23 June, 2016

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager,
Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Alex falls just short of Wimbledon!

RISING Barry tennis star Alexander Hamer insisted he could still hold his head up high, despite falling just short of a dream outing at Wimbledon.

As the likes of British number one Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams prepare for this month's Wimbledon assault, Hamer had the chance to book himself a spot at the world-famous venue when he competed in the HSBC 'Road to Wimbledon' south west regional qualifier at East Glos Club in Cheltenham.

The 14-year-old Barry Comprehensive School pupil was playing for a spot at August's national finals of the HSBC Road to Wimbledon 14 and Under Challenge at the All England Club, looking to walk away as overall champion of the tournament.

But, despite falling short of a memorable outing at the famous SW19 courts this time around, Cardiff Lawn Tennis Club's Hamer is adamant we haven't seen the last of him after losing out to Toby Samuel 6-0 6-1 in the second round.

"I played well, especially at the beginning. I played well all day, but I couldn't quite maintain the level that I started out at," he said. "You know it is going to be a tough match when you play against the number-one seed.

"Going to Wimbledon would have been a really special experience, but I have enjoyed myself today and I know it will help me improve as a player. I definitely want to be a professional tennis player, my main inspiration is people like Djokovic, Federer and Murray."

The HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 and Under Challenge, the UK's largest grass court tournament, forms part of HSBC's investment in grassroots tennis; an area of the sport the official banking partner of the championships has been supporting since 2008. Each year, more than 10,000 youngsters take part in the series of national tennis tournaments, helping to inspire the next generation of Wimbledon stars to take their tennis careers from the back garden to Centre Court.

HSBC is the official banking partner of the championships and is committed to supporting grassroots tennis, helping to inspire the next generation of Wimbledon stars to take their tennis careers from the back garden to Centre Court through the HSBC Road to Wimbledon 14 & Under Challenge - follow them on Twitter @HSBC_sport.

DAVID BATES

Good and bad for Millwood

IT was another good result for the travelling Millwood players to beat Rumney by a fairly impressive 19-shot margin, 87-68.

Looking in a mood for a tough game ahead, Millwood Bowlers soon settled into their game and at the fifth end, they had an 11-shot lead at 29-18, which soon increased to a 14-shot lead after the 10th end for Millwood, 46 shots to 32.

Would Rumney make any impression on Millwood's advantage in the second half of the game? At the 15th end, Rumney had cut Millwood's lead to only seven shots, thereby signalling that they were determined to make the best of the remaining ends to try and close the gap on Millwood.

As much as they tried, there was no sign of the deficit being reduced, but to Millwood's credit the lead was increased to a matter of a 19 shot winning margin, due largely to rink three, who took 10 shots to 0 in the last six ends, thereby making sure that the final score was a 19 shot win for the Millwood Bowlers by a 87-68 win.

Welcoming the players from Cadoxton to the home green for this Division 7 game, Millwood were soon adrift of Cadoxton after five ends, 18 shots to 22.

The next five ends saw a very slight change in Cadoxton's lead increase to a matter of 30 shots to 36 in favour of the visitors.

Worse was yet to come for the home bowlers as Cadoxton opened up a considerable 43-64 lead! At the completion of the 21st end, Cadoxton ran out winners by a margin of 19 shots to take the game 64-83; credit to rinks two and five for Cadoxton for making the win possible.

Young spin doctors enjoy Vale cricket tournament

PUPILS from seven local schools took part in the recent Vale Primary Cricket Festival at Barry Cricket Club.

Teams from Dinas Powys, Iolo Morgannwg, Evenlode, Sully, St Athan, Llansannor and Gladstone competed in a series of fast-paced matches before Evenlode's A team emerged as victors of the festival, which was organised by Cricket Wales and the Vale Council's sport and play development team.

For information on how to join children's cricket clubs in Barry, Cowbridge and Penarth, contact the sports and development team on 01446 704728.

Bowls club celebrates Queen's birthday

RHOOSE Bowls Club celebrated the Queen's birthday with a fun day of bowls and an afternoon tea.

The day started with the traditional 'spider', when a jack is placed in the centre of the green with all players bowling from all sides and corners of the green at the same time. the bowl nearest the jack is the winner.

This was followed by a game of 10 ends. The members then went in to a fine high tea of salmon sandwiches, trifle and cake.

Our president, Miss Jo Hopkins, asked us all to raise a glass to the Queen and wish her good health for the future. The afternoon continued with lots of fun and laughter.

Rhoose Bowls Club is at the heart of the community and we extend a warm welcome to all. We have qualified coaches and equipment on site, just bring a pair of flat shoes and we will do the rest. For further information call Jo Hopkins (secretary) on 01446 710366.

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James Rees lands a knockout blow!

LLANTWIT MAJOR boxer James Rees produced his best win to date with a second round knockout over a very strong and game Carl Owen of Porthcawl and Pyle ABC, who were hosting the show at Pyle Rugby Club.

The Porthcawl boxer came out throwing big bombs, trying to steamroller his opponent. Rees, with his hands held high, took it all in his stride and picked his shots well, catching Owen with well-placed punches to the head and body.

After receiving instructions from his corner after the first round, the second round saw James using his jab to full effect, which opened up a gap to allow a perfectly-timed right hook to the head of Owen, which shook him and left him face down on the canvas, leaving the referee no option but to stop the fight.

MD

Vale of Glamorgan bridge results

The results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 13 are as follows.

First, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford 68.18 per cent; second, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best 63.64; joint third, Graham Norris and John Henson, and John Evans and Steve Burgoyne both with 58.24.

Results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 20:

1st Glenda Roberts & Liam Sheridan 66.27%, 2nd Barbara Exton & Helen Barrie 65.87%, 3rd Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 63.10%.

LE

The Cowbridge ladies aim to bounce back up

The ladies first team at Cowbridge Tennis Club are currently topping Division 3 in the South Wales Summer Doubles League, having won all seven of their matches so far.

The team are looking to bounce straight back up to Division 2, having dropped down last year, and with three matches left they are well on their way.

Their next match is away at second in league Rhiwbina where another win would secure promotion.

AK

Athletic are up to second after loss

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic travelled to Ponthir, won the toss and put the opposition in to bat.

John Gee soon used the conditions to his advantage as he took a wicket with the first ball of the innings, and he soon picked up a second wicket as Ponthir were 6 for 2.

Ponthir reached 129 all out with J Griffett 3 for 16, D Frost 2 for 12, S Ellis 2 for 17 and J Gee 2 for 16, with J Price (35) the top scorer for Ponthir.

In reply, Barry Athletic were bowled out for 117 with Rhett Jones and Craig Brock being the main contributors, with 29, and John Gee finishing a fine game with 11 not out as Barry yet again lost a close game; J Evans was the best of the Ponthir bowling with 3 for 19.

At the Athletic Ground Barry Island, Barry Athletic second XI entertained Ponthir and were asked to bat first and posted a score of 178 for 5 with Lee Morgan scoring 97, Mark Ellis 29 and Paul Murphy 20.

In reply, Ponthir reached their target with eight wickets down with D. Smith 51 and M. Harold 46 not out, with the best Barry bowlers A Rutherford (2 for 36) and P Murphy (2 for 24).

This weekend Barry Athletic first XI entertain top of the table Malpas at the Athletic Ground, with the second XI travelling to Malpas.

MR

Agonising loss for Vale seconds

VALE Cricket Club's second XI nearly – and should have – pulled off a remarkable victory at Monmouth on Saturday.

Travelling with nine men, Vale elected to bowl first, and with 24 of the 40 overs bowled by part-time (at best!) bowlers, did extremely well to restrict the home side to 140.

The more experienced bowlers, Greg Andrews (1-15) and Mark Francis (2-20), were the pick, but special mention must go to Huw James (3-30), Chris Haskins (0-37) and Carl Brooks (0-24).

This was all backed up with a solid fielding performance – always difficult with nine men – including two run outs.

Batting second, Gareth Andrews (61) navigated the loss of early and middle order wickets skilfully, and after Jonny Harvey had contributed 19, Brooks (16) joined him with 46 runs required for victory.

All went well, with sensible hitting and good running bringing the target down to just two runs required with three wickets in hand.

Vale contrived to lose those wickets in adding only a single, and agonisingly lost by one run.

CB

Golf club coffee morning is a hit

On Saturday, June 11, St Athan Golf Club ladies section held their annual spring coffee morning.

This is always a much anticipated event and attracts many ladies from other golf clubs. The event this year was in aid of the Hospice UK charity, which is the chosen charity of our lady captain, Michelle Bligh.

The day was blessed with good weather as the ladies went out for a nine hole competition.

The winners on the home side were: First, Tricia Wake; second, Dilys Hurley; third, Rose Dawson.

The away winners were all from Brynhill Ladies: First, Helena Combes; second, Glynis Gould; third, Margaret Codd.

There was plenty to entertain the non players with stalls and a raffle. A grand total of £915 was raised and captain Michelle wishes to thank all those who took part and helped on the stalls.

The next coffee morning will be held on October 6. Information can be found on the club web page nearer the time, or contact our secretary Gill Jones.

RC

Flint's Worcester victory

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint landed the Tote Exacta Handicap Hurdle at Worcester on Sunday with *EddieMaurice* who, ridden by his son Rhys Flint, won by two lengths from *Tiger Trek* in a field of eight runners.

EddieMaurice, a winner of his previous start, was, at five-years-old, the youngest horse in the race, and was returned at odds of 11-4.

Mr Flint had high hopes of scoring with Mr Caffrey at Chepstow on Monday but the meeting was abandoned owing to heavy rain.

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Munro Cup loss for bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR men's bowlers suffered another defeat in the Munro Cup against Romilly, always a difficult side to beat.

Llantwit struggled with a depleted team from their normal Saturday side, losing on all rinks, 91-49.

Charles Hiscock's rink competed well, being only one shot in arrears after nine ends. Llantwit then had a lean spell, losing the next three ends, but Llantwit came back in the last few ends to lose by just four shots.

Graham Merchant's rink took a welcome early lead with a four-shot advantage after three ends, then lost seven of the next eight ends. Llantwit only managed to win another two ends, losing by 10 shots.

Graham Jones' rink failed to get going, only able to win four ends and as a result they lost badly.

Neville Young's rink had a good start with Derek Lancaster putting in some good bowls. Llantwit played in fits and starts, winning half of the ends played, but still lost by one shot.

On Saturday, Llantwit travelled to Fairoak (Cardiff) for their league match, a game Llantwit were expected to win. In the end the match was drawn, 71-71.

Steve Booker's rink had an evenly-fought match with Llantwit trailing by three shots midway through the game.

Llantwit improved after tea, winning the majority of the ends with the Llantwit skip putting in some fine shots to win ends, and the game, by five shots.

Graham Jones' rink started badly, being 11 shots adrift after by the 15th end. Llantwit then fought back, winning five of the last six ends closing the gap to lose by only three shots.

Neville Young's rink had a great start taking most ends with Derek Mutlow at lead putting in some excellent bowls to outbowl the opposing lead.

This helped to keep Llantwit ahead, winning 14 of the 21 ends played to win by 11 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink were nine shots down before they scored. With all other rinks finished the last two ends of their game were vital in deciding the outcome of the whole match.

Llantwit scored three on the penultimate end to put Llantwit ahead by three shots, Fairoak scoring three on the final end to tie the match.

NY

Game Millwood given no mercy by winning Windsor

MILLWOOD went to Penarth to try to maintain a winning sequence, but came across a ruthlessly determined Windsor side that proved itself utterly merciless to its rivals by running out winners by a very hefty 31-shot victory, 73-42.

After the first couple of ends had been played, there was only a single shot separating the two sides, with Windsor having the single shot, 11-12!

A bit of a different story from here on in for Millwood as Windsor started to turn on the pressure.

After the ninth end had been played, Windsor had galloped into a 23-36 lead, and although as much as they tried to claw back the shots, Millwood fell even further behind after the 13th end to trail by a 31-58 shot gap.

Even though the match was virtually over after the 13th end, Millwood still tried to make a fight of the game and at the final end, found themselves losing the game by a 42-73 shot defeat.

It just wasn't to be Millwood's evening for a winning game of bowls, but all players enjoyed the after-game relaxation and company in the clubhouse.

Thank you to all involved in the game played in the true spirit of bowls.

Don't forget the forthcoming deaf international bowling tournament starting at Millwood, beginning July 1-3.

BH

Barry RFC lottery draw

LAST week's winning numbers are 03, 04, 13 and 24 and produced no winners.

This week's jackpot will be £2,160.

AJ

Jason Sillett secures four out of four

JASON SILLET, on what was only his fourth outing as a professional boxer, fought Ben Mullingham from Northern Ireland at the Guild Hall, Preston.

As soon as the bell rang in round one Jason took command with an onslaught of head and body shots.

This happened in every round and Ben had no answer. Jason won all six rounds to make this four wins out of four.

Jason would like to thank all supporters who travelled to Preston with special thanks to Lee Selby, the current IBF featherweight-world champion, who carried the Welsh flag into the ring.

Thank you also to sponsors EweMove and Carousel.

Pictured above are Lee Beard (trainer), Jason Sillet. Lee Selby and Hroon Headley.

JS

Cowbridge Bowls club round-up

AFTER an indifferent start to to its season, the men's team was in need of a win in its first home league game last Saturday.

The visitors were Gelligaled from the Rhondda. It was a good day for Cowbridge, winning three of the four rinks, and in the process picked up 12 points.

Clive Pritchard's rink recovered after a poor start to win by three shots, but victory was secured by outstanding bowling by Norman Wilkinson's and Bob Penn's quartets.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, Brian Williams, John Trott and Roger Barwick 14-23; Mansel Davey, Len Taylor, Tony Lewis and Bob Penn 28-12; Peter Launder, John Jones, Rob Lewis and Clive Pritchard 22-19; Ron Frayling, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 22-8. Match score: Cowbridge 86, Gelligaled 62. As with Gelligaled, Rhoose plays on a carpet green.

Rhoose were the midweek visitors for a Munro Cup game. Rhoose appear to have strengthened their team and overall they mastered the wet surface better than Cowbridge, winning three of the four rinks.

Special mention has to be made of Norman Wilkinson's winning rink of Steve Dodsworth (new bowler), Ken Payne (making his debut), Colin Wilson and Norman, winning by 21 shots to 13. Match score: Cowbridge 53, Rhoose 84.

It was not, however, a good week for the ladies. Two games were cancelled or postponed because of the rain.

One game was played away to the Porthcawl Prince of Wales Club and Cowbridge lost on all three rinks, going down 56-20.

MB

Table tennis season ends

PLEASE note that the current season of table tennis at the Cwm Talwg Community Centre has ended, and will restart on Wednesday, September 21, when several players will prepare to represent the club in the Cardiff & District Table Tennis League.

All standards and ages will be welcomed at the club with equipment provided.

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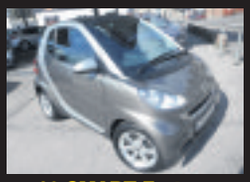

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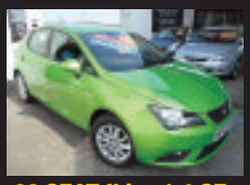

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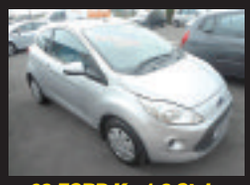

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Cowbridge get back on the winning trail as second team left 'gutted'

THIS was how things were meant to be. The talented Cowbridge first XI batting line-up putting the opposition to the sword and emerging victorious against all comers.

Readers will be aware that until Saturday it had not worked out quite that way. By week eight, Cowbridge were at the wrong end of the table and were to welcome the top side, Briton Ferry Steel (BFS), but it was Cowbridge that emerged victorious with a stunning victory by 10 wickets.

The win was largely engineered by the combined talents of Ben Wright and Tom Merilaht who chased down a target of 156 with few scares. Ben took 149 balls to get his hundred, hitting a six and 13 fours, but the contribution of Tom was no less significant as the solid rock around whom the Cowbridge batting is built compiled a supporting 47 not out.

That the target was of the order that allowed the Cowbridge batsmen to take their time was due to the best bowling and fielding performance of the season. There were good spells from Ben (1-15 off 10 overs), Tom (1-23 off 10) and Jake George (1-21 off 10) as BFS struggled on a drying pitch.

Thomas Harper and Adam Wood both chipped in with wickets and the total always looked somewhat below par.

The win puts Cowbridge up a place and in touching distance of the next two sides. For Captain Chris Willey the win brought welcome relief: "I can enjoy tonight," mused the skipper as talk turned to maintaining this form for the rest of the season.

Friday, July 1, sees the visit to the Athletic Ground of the MCC. Last year this special match to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the first recorded fixture was cancelled due to the weather - why not call in and enjoy the world's most famous cricket club's visit to the Athletic Ground.

On Sunday, July 3, the visitors will be Bridgend, the first opponents back in 1840. The fixture coincides with the president's lunch for which there are still a few places available.

To book, please contact Jeffrey Bird on 07976 793629.

'Gutted' was the single word that described the feelings of the Cowbridge second XI after a narrow defeat by Briton Ferry Steel on Saturday.

To lose by just five runs was a huge disappointment for the skipper Jon Smart and his team – but what a game it was.

Batting first on the oddly-shaped ground, long and very narrow, the home side got to 148-8 off 40 overs. The wickets were spread about but the top performance came from the talented Naveed Younis who took 2-11 off his allotted eight overs.

Given the damp conditions it was thought that BFS had probably got a score close to par.

As ever Jonty Webb and David Gascoyne opened the batting, but at 19 Gascoyne fell for 10. Naveed Younis (28) and Jonty took the score on to 56 before Webb departed for 18.

Gradually Cowbridge edged towards the target, but none of the batsmen could play the match-winning innings required.

There were good efforts from Rob Thomas (26) and Stuart Ferguson (16), but wickets fell steadily as well.

At the end, agonisingly five runs short, there were Jon himself and John Gilbert unable to get over the team line. A great game, but one that will be remembered more fondly by the home side.

The result saw BFS gain on Cowbridge who lead SWCA Division Five by five points from BFS. There are worse positions to be in but what a difference a win would have made.

JRB

Llantwit ladies earn bowling win

OUR ladies at Llantwit Major travelled to Barry Central for our postponed league match.

With the weather unsettled, we were lucky to finish the game. It was a difficult green with the Barry Central ladies playing an excellent game, Llantwit won overall.

Scores: A Mutlow Andrews, M Morgan, M Lewis 11-18 and 3/4; P Brown, M Gomma, D Hurley, J Molloy 21-9; E Hardie, N Baelz, H Nixon, E Nicholls 11-15.

It was nice to see Ann back bowling after missing last season due to health problems.

CW

Brian Lee recognised with special award

Charlotte, John Ayre's daughter, with Brian Lee and Bridget Ayre. PICTURE BY JIM THOMAS

THE GEM'S Brian Lee received a nice surprise at the South Wales Area Point-To-Point dinner-dance and presentation evening at the Holiday Inn, Newport, Gwent on June 18, when he was presented with the John Ayres special recognition award.

Brian had the honour of presenting the various awards to the winning owners, riders and trainers, but little did he know that when he had completed his task that he himself would be awarded a magnificent trophy.

Mrs Ayres and her daughter Charlotte were on hand to present a shocked Brian, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the past 50 years, with his award.

Brian said: "This came as a complete surprise and it has been a great privilege to have helped to promote the sport I love."

He added: "I knew Cardiff-born and bred John Ayres very well indeed and I reported on his many successes with horses such as Majetta Crescent and Victory Gunner. John's company was a driving force in the design and development of protective riding gear."

BRIAN LEE

TIM LANDS AN EASY WINNER

BLEU ET NOIR, a five-year-old bay gelding trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, made all the running to win the Bordeaux Undiscovered Merlot Novices' Hurdle at Stratford last week.

Well ridden by Alan Johns, the front running Bleu Et Noir won by 28 lengths from Elysian Prince in a field of 12 runners and was returned at odds of 11-4.

BRIAN LEE

News from the Rhoose Bowls Club

ON Wednesday, June 15, Rhoose men's section travelled to Cowbridge for the evening league Munro Cup.

It was an excellent result for the team with an overall win by 31 shots – the individual rinks are as follows: Paul Williams came home with the biggest difference of 34 to 10, Les Parsons 15 to 14, Ron Ball 22 to 8 and unfortunately Geoff Lages' rink lost by 13 to 21.

On Saturday, the men were at home to Cyfarthfa Castle for the C.D.M.L.

Once again, good fortune was on their side with an overall win by 16 shots. The top rink was Geoff Lages', winning 26 to 12, Les Parsons 26 to 17, Ron Ball 26 to 15, and Paul Williams going down 8 to 26.

So far this season has been very positive for the team having won seven out of the nine games played, well done to them.

RC

Swimming club holds presentation evening

LAST Saturday evening, Barry Amateur Swimming Club held its Summer Sprint presentation evening at the Cadoxton Conservative Club.

The Summer Sprint competition was held at the Barry Leisure Centre on two Friday evenings in May.

Swimmers completed 25-metre swims for the youngest and 50 metres for all the more experienced swimmers and they competed in the four strokes – butterfly, backstroke, breast stroke and front crawl. Medals were presented to all the swimmers who took part in the competition as the club is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

Gold medals were won by Daisy Thomas, Ethan Hole, Bethan Jones, Harry Townsend, Christopher Welch, Lauren Whittaker, Aimee Jefferson, Aaron Belby, Pia Sully, Caitlin Williams, Seren Russell, Iestyn Perkins and Bethan Williams.

Silver medals were presented to Ruby Dickson Davies, Nia Thomas, Angelo Gentile, Rhodri Vickers and Thomas Pugh.

The bronze medal winners were Isobel Dowling, Amelie Briard, Isaac Griffith, Isabelle Thomas, Emilia Knevett, Elin Welch, Nia Fuller, Carys Thomas, David Youngs and Cian Ralphs.

Medals for the 90th anniversary were also presented to Daisy Vann, Cerys Borges, Sophie Boulton, Freya Burrow, Ella Davies, Gwenno Davies, Jessica Hole, Kate Osen, Wiktoria Strzala, Georgia Thomas, Mia Gorden Davies, Sophia Hamandi and Sophie Whittaker.

Following the presentation, there was a buffet meal and a disco for the members to dance the night away!

On July 16, the club will be hosting a national gala – the Cardiff Bay Sprint Meet – at the Cardiff 50m pool.

This will be the 28th time that this event has taken place and two special cups are presented – the Rowland Jones Cup for the best nine-year-old swimmer and the Brian Hardwicke cup presented to the best 12-year-old swimmer at the event.

Should you require any information about the club please contact Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784. New members are always welcome.

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FLYING THE FLAG FOR WALES!

Heartbreak turns to elation...

Wales top Group B and reach knockout stages of Euro 2016!

by GARETH JAMIESON

FOOTBALL, as Jimmy Greaves is often heard to say, certainly is a funny old game. Last Thursday Wales were left deflated and heartbroken after Daniel Sturridge's last-gasp winner gave England all three points in a titanic clash in Lens, a result that could have dealt Chris Coleman's team a psychological blow in their hopes of reaching the last 16 of Euro 2016.

1-0 Wales as Aaron Ramsey opens the scoring.

The players celebrate a job well done! ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY

Amidst the numerous permutations, Wales' job to progress was a simple one (on paper at least) – beat Russia and assure progress; anything else and Welsh hopes would rest on results elsewhere, meaning a nervy night was in store for fans both home and abroad.

As it turned out, Monday evening's 'do-or-die' clash was more of a light sparring session than a full-blooded slug-out as Wales produced easily one of their best performances in the last decade to hammer the Russians 3-0 and ensure their route to the knockout stages.

What made it all the more sweeter was that while Wales were putting their eastern European neighbours to the sword in swashbuckling style, Roy Hodgson's England, the victors of the 'Battle of Britain' a few days previously, found themselves limping to a 0-0 draw with Slovakia, that point meaning that Wales would finish top of Group B with the neighbours from across the river finishing second in the group.

Pre-match there was little concern about topping the group; rather the emphasis was on putting in a performance that showcased their talent and unity, having been brave but falling slightly short of the high standards set in qualifying for this tournament thus far.

What happened was a complete team performance of such accuracy, control and execution that the Russians looked lost with little answer for either Wales' defensive assuredness or their pace in going forward. It was, as Mark Hughes said afterwards (with perhaps only a hint of bias), one of, if not the best, team performances at this tournament so far.

Aaron Ramsey's opener after 11 minutes, following the most gorgeous of through balls from Joe Allen, settled any nerves (Welsh fans' minds no doubt casting back to the Euro 2004 play-off defeat against the same opposition), and when Neil Taylor, at the second time of asking, doubled the lead, the Russians, shellshocked and lacking ideas, seemed out of it.

It wouldn't be Wales at the Euros without Gareth Bale on the scoresheet, and though he spurned several opportunities over the course of the evening, his delicately chipped effort, that capped the scoring off for the Welsh, was just rewards for the Real Madrid forward, whose endeavour in the previous games has been unquestionable.

In such an exceptional performance, picking out certain players seems harsh on the rest, but Aaron Ramsey finally showed his class to match his work rate, Joe Allen reinforced his position as the best Welsh player in the tournament so far, and Sam Vokes (in for Hal Robson Kanu) gave another attacking dimension to the team with his hard work and build-up play.

So, a comprehensive victory that now sees Wales travel to Paris on Saturday for a 5pm kick off in the Parc de Princes – what is less clear, at time of writing, is just who they will face there. It will, after the conclusion of the group stages last night (Wednesday), either be another tantalising 'Battle of Britain' clash with Northern Ireland a battle with a rugged, yet thus far underperforming, Turkey side, who beat Czech Republic 1-0 on Tuesday, or (the least likely option) a clash with Albania.

Whoever they end up facing, it's worth noting the words of Chris Coleman, who, basking in the glory of such an incredible victory, said: "We have to see who we get next but we play with no fear. When we play like that, why should we have any fear?" And it is a good point. With Wales on form like this, and with momentum firmly at their backs, the opposition on Saturday will no doubt be fearing the might of the dragon's roar.

Anything is possible – and with the backing of a proud nation, and thousands of vociferous supporters in France, there is no end to what this group an achieve.

So bring on Saturday, bring on the Parc de Princes and bring on whoever we end up playing – Together, Stronger, history is being made!

'WE DON'T THINK WE ARE TOO FAR AWAY'

Series is lost, but Wales have final chance to claim that elusive Kiwi scalp

by DON JOHN

"IT was physical out there and we took it to them, but they have been absolutely ruthless," was Wales head coach Warren Gatland's frank summing-up at the end of a pulsating second test at the Westpac stadium in Wellington.

Sadly, it again ended in 36-22 defeat and the loss of the series to world champions New Zealand, with one test still to go on the short tour to the land of the long white cloud.

Some may have dismissed it as merely the latest in a long line of heroic Welsh failures - following a now familiar pattern of spirited early effort finally overcome by relentless All Black pace and power - an almost exact repeat of the 39-21 outcome in the first test at Auckland the previous week.

There is some truth in this, of course - for just as in the first clash, Gatland's battling young troops had performed heroics for all of an hour - before being hit by a rapid-fire onslaught of tries that in the blink of an eye, took the clinical All Blacks almost out of sight.

There was a crucial difference, however. In Auckland, the Welsh challenge had foundered through a combination of ring rustiness, unforced errors and fatigue - during which they had conceded four tries in the second half, and managed only three points from a penalty kick.

On Saturday, Wales competed strongly to the end, enjoying 58 per cent of territory, compared to 41 per cent in the first test. They also had the first and last word by opening the scoring, then answering the All Blacks with two late tries of their own and, arguably, finishing the stronger.

Wales had drawn first blood through Dan Biggar's boot in a ferocious opening half when no quarter was asked or given on either side. New Zealand replied through a try converted by outside half Aaron Cruden, who added a penalty to make the score 10-3, before departing injured (opposing centres Jamie Roberts and Malakai Fekitoa were also to be involved in a bloody collision).

One minute before halftime, lock Alun Wyn Jones completed a well-worked move by popping up far out to go over in the corner for a morale-boosting try, converted by Biggar, to level the score at 10-10.

In the first test, Wales had been undone in the final stages, but on this occasion they were suddenly hit by a typical All Black three-try burst after the changeover that rocketed the score to 31-10 in just eight minutes.

When New Zealand added a fifth touchdown, for the scoreboard to read 36-10 with 15 minutes still remaining on the clock, Welsh resistance appeared all but extinguished and followers were braced for even worse to come.

To their credit, though, heads refused to go down and in fact it was the Wales tourists who were to complete the scoring, with the All Blacks denied by a foot in touch at the death.

Thankfully, a brilliant individual try by Liam Williams and a determined touchdown by centre Jonathan Davies, one converted, made the final margin a more respectable 36-22 and gave hope for the final attempt to claim that elusive Kiwi scalp in the third test at Dunedin this Saturday.

Gatland proudly acknowledged as much, saying: "We don't think we are too far away. At the very highest level, it's all about small margins and that's where they are ahead of us. We will go to Dunedin feeling that we have improved from the first test and that we can do better."